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What if the Present be all that is real—
A birth and a death the beginning and ending?
What if the heav'n we expect be ideal—
The Soul but a shadow to nothingness tending?
What if the instant we pass out of being
We vanish forever; that reincarnation
Is only delusion—a seeming of seeing;
That we drop with the coffin to annihilation?

There's a cradle on one hand, a grave on the other:
Between are the limits of all that is certain.
This world we know of, but *is* there another?
Or is it mere nothing beyond the dark curtain?
Where did we come from? We cannot remember;
Yet confident look for existence eternal:
Faith grows the stronger as life nears December,
And eyes filming over see glories supernal.

If the Soul be immortal, it had no beginning;
Why has it forgotten the long-vanished eras
Through which it has gone on reposing and sinning?
Or is the dark Past the most vain of chimeras?
Have we lived on this earth, or some far-away planet?
Were our forms like the present, or weird and inchoate?
Why not know life's history *since* we began it?
If not, is it certain we *ever* shall know it?

We fondly imagine, when safely in heaven—
(For no man believes he will fail of salvation)—
A prescience as boundless as God's will be given,
And there we shall fathom the whole of creation:
Then we shall know all the wonderful mystery
Of the Soul we rejoice in: know what a Soul is;
Know of its origin, all its strange history;
Why 'twas as blind here on earth as the mole is.

As knowledge increases, belief is contracted:
We weigh out the stars and determine their courses;
We decide that from atoms ourselves were impacted,
For miracles now are but natural forces.
Faith dies in childhood, and Science and Reason
Make mysteries common; we deify Nature;
"Religions are dead, and the gods out of season,"
Saith Man to himself, the self-satisfied creature.

But what, after all, do we know with our science
Of the why and the wherefore and purpose of living?
The further we search, the less Faith's our reliance;
The more we discover, the less our believing;
The wonders of childhood are wonders no longer, (them;
Since figures and logic have measured and weighed
Our trust has grown weaker as knowledge grew stronger,
And men took to pieces the Maker that made them.

Yet, *if* all were certain, all fixed and unchangeable—
All meted and bounded by settled fatality—
And we knew all the purposes, measured the range of all
Copied in the Henceforth we call Immortality,
What were worth hoping for, striving for, living for?
Back, then, we turn to the old fascination—
The longing for Something that lies worth living for—
The hunger that starves us since Adam's creation.

Aye, aye! 'tis the *if*, the great *if*, that consoles us;
The Past and its memories allure us no longer;
We hope and believe, as the Present o'er-rolls us,
In Eastern Hereafter, far nobler and stronger.
Hope lost, we should fall with the creatures that perish.
No future! The thought leads directly to madness!
The *if* and the *doubt* nurse the hope that we cherish—
The one gleam of light in a life-night of sadness.

ONE NIGHT'S CRIME;
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PART THE FIRST.—ANOTHER'S CRIME.

CHAPTER XVI.—PIERRE'S SAVINGS.

It was dark when Rouvenat returned to the farm. He went up to the farmer's room at once.

"Where have you been all day?" asked the latter. "You went away without saying a word to a soul."

"I went to Saint Irun to see your daughter," replied Pierre abruptly.

"Lucile!" exclaimed the farmer, starting.

"Yes, Lucile, who is suffering from want, who is compelled to gather gentian and strip bark in order to get the morsels of bread that keep her alive."

Mellier's face darkened.

"Jacques," continued the old servant, "were you to go to her yourself, she might consent to return here. Tell me, Jacques, will you?"

"No," he replied huskily.

"Then her misfortune has not moved you. I tell you, Jacques, she is in frightful want, suffering from cold and hunger! Were she alone, it would not be so bad; but she has a child, Jacques—a boy, as beautiful as the day."

The farmer's eyes glistened with anger, and he clutched the arms of his chair.

"I understand," pursued Pierre sorrowfully. "The hour has not yet come; but remember what I am about to say to you, Jacques. The day will come—and perhaps it is not very far off—when you will throw yourself at your daughter's feet and entreat her, with tears and sobs, to return to the place that belongs to her in this house."

Mellier maintained a gloomy silence.

"What!" continued Rouvenat vehemently. "Lucile Mellier, my master's daughter, is obliged to work like a poor drudge, when there is an abundance of everything here! Impossible, impossible!"

"I am willing to give her back her mother's dowry," said the farmer coldly.

"You should give her back your heart first, Jacques. Her mother's dowry—money! She would refuse it indignantly. She wishes nothing from you, Jacques, nothing! Ah! how she resembles you! She has your superb pride, your terrible will, your deplorable haughtiness! She is as pitiless as you, even towards herself."

"Then let her do what she pleases."

A short silence followed these cruel words.

"Jacques," resumed Pierre, in a dejected tone of voice, "I was only twelve years old when I began to work on this farm. First, I served your father thirty years, and then I began to serve you. I never asked him for any remuneration for my toil, nor have I ever asked you for any. The pittance left me by my parents has always supplied my little wants. Therefore, Jacques, do you not think that something is due me?"

"Certainly, without counting my gratitude for all the proofs of friendship and devotion which you have given me. But what are you driving at?"

"I should like you to settle my account."

"Ah! you wish to leave me?"

"Leave you, Jacques! Can you think that? I hope to die at Seuillon, unless you send me away!"

"I thought—well, you claim what is due you. Make out your account your self."

"If I said five hundred francs for forty years—the time I served your father—that would make twenty thousand francs."

"And you would calculate very poorly, Pierre, for there is the compound interest on your capital. Your twenty thousand francs are at least trebled."

Rouvenat was dazzled.

"Do you wish to try some other investment?" queried the farmer.

"No," replied the old servant with embarrassment; "but, you see, I should like to have a large sum in my hands. You know, Jacques, one cannot foresee what may happen."

The farmer easily divined what the good man wished to conceal, and he felt deeply moved in spite of himself.

"There," he said, thrusting a key into Rouvenat's hand—"that belongs to the iron coffer. Take what you want."

Rouvenat went to the coffer, which stood in a recess of the room, and, having opened it, took out twelve rolls of gold of a thousand francs each, which he placed upon the table before Mellier, saying timidly:

"Do you find that too much?"

"No, since I owe you five times the amount."

The face of the old servant brightened up. He locked the coffer again, and returned the key to his master. The latter did not question him further, nor did he let him see that he had divined his intention. An instant later Rouvenat withdrew to his room with his treasure, which he hid under his bolster. He went to bed early, but was not able to close an eye the whole night, for Lucile and her child were constantly before him. He arose at daybreak, dressed in haste, stuffed his pockets with the rolls of gold, and started for Saint Irun without saying a word to anyone, as the day before, Lucile awaited him. On recognizing him, little Edmund ran to him with outstretched arms.

"You little darling," said Rouvenat, kissing him repeatedly, "I thought of you and your mother all night long. I shall never forget either of you. I hope to have the good fortune to see you run and tumble in the Seuillon meadows some day. Meanwhile, I have brought you a little present."

He sat down, holding the child on his knee, and began to empty his pockets into the young mother's lap.

"Pierre, you have betrayed me!" she cried. "Take back this gold; I do not wish it. I told you that I should accept nothing from my father!"

"This gold is mine, Lucille," replied Rouvenat proudly; "I earned it by many years of toil, and you will surely acknowledge that I have the right to give it to your child!"

Lucile burst out sobbing.

The little boy slipped from Rouvenat's arms, glided along the floor, and, pinning himself to his mother's skirt, said in a touching voice:

"You're crying again, mamma, like yesterday and all last night. Do you always want to cry?"

Lucile took the little fellow in her arms, and pressed him passionately to her heart. Then, holding out her hand to Rouvenat, she said:

"Pierre, my only friend, this poor little being shall know of your devotion, and shall never forget you. Well, yes, my good Pierre, I accept your gift for him. Thanks, thanks."

"Are you going back to the mountains, Lucile?"

"That is my intention."

"It is very far."

"True, but I found a little peace there."

"My dear mistress, I should like to ask you to make me a promise."

"What is it, Pierre?"

"To write me at times."

"I promise that with all my heart."

"And if you should need me, not to hesitate to let me know."

"I promise you that also, Pierre."

The old servant's eyes sparkled with joy. It was after two o'clock when he thought of returning to Seuillon. Over the heart-rending adieux we had better draw a veil.

CHAPTER XVII.—IN THE SNOW.

Lucile paid her bill that evening, and at eight o'clock left the inn, to the great astonishment of Bertaux II, who thought that a woman must needs be crazy to travel afoot on a Winter's night with a young child. It was certainly a great imprudence; but Lucile was too beset by her fixed idea to stop to reason. The sky was overcast, the night dark, and the cold damp and penetrating. When she reached Fremicourt, a fine snow began to fall. Mother and child entered the cemetery. Both knelt on one grave, then on another, remaining there altogether not over ten minutes. The snow continued to fall, still fine, but faster. The child shivered and its little teeth chattered, but it showed extraordinary courage. The mother took it up in her arms, wrapped it as well as she could in a fold of her woolen shawl, and pushed on in the direction of Terroise.

On passing through that village, it occurred to her that it would be better to spend the night there; but the fear of being recognized urged her forward. Already fatigued, out of breath, she tried to make the child walk; but its little legs and feet were too benumbed with cold to carry it, so she took it in her arms again. It cried in silence. She wept in her turn, beginning to realize how imprudent she had been. Faster and faster fell the snow, driven violently by the east wind, which had begun to whistle very loud. She was blinded at every step, and the force of the blasts made her totter; she advanced with great difficulty, the remnant of her strength rapidly spending itself in this struggle against the elements let loose. The poor woman felt her child shiver on her bosom, and heard its plaintives cries, which were like so many stabs to her already lacerated heart. She looked ahead as far as the eye could reach, but saw nothing on the deserted and slippery road—not a house, not a human being, not a place of shelter—and she was tortured by a horrible anguish. The child gave a loud groan, which she answered with a shrill cry of despair, and, raising the frozen face of the little one to her lips, she covered it with delirious kisses.

"I'm sleepy, mamma," murmured the little fellow in a voice scarcely audible.

"Cursed, cursed!" moaned the distracted mother.

Then she took off her shawl and her worsted neckerchief, and wrapped them around the child, leaving an opening just large enough for it to breathe through. But she herself was no longer covered. The snow now fell upon her exposed neck, and, melting slowly, ran in icy-cold water down her back and heaving bosom. A chilling sensation came over her suddenly, and she felt as if frozen to the very marrow of her bones. At the same time she had a strange tingling in her ears; her sight grew dim, and she thought she saw grim, jeering spectres dancing before her. Then fright took possession of her. Yes, she was afraid—afraid of death. She drew a long breath, and with all the strength she had left cried twice in a desperate voice:

"Help! help!"

But her call for succor was lost in a howling blast. She reeled a few steps farther; the mist before her eyes grew thicker, and she saw nothing more. Her knees bent under her, and she fell across the road, clinging to her child, hugging it in her stiffened arms. The shock was violent; the little boy awoke with a start. Well protected from the wind, snow and cold, he had become warmed up by degrees; but, no longer feeling himself rocked by his mother's movement, he thrust his head through his covering, and on seeing her stretched out motionless on the road began to utter piercing cries that had no echo in that lone spot.

But the snow ceased falling all at once; another blast whirled over the scene of the drama, and the storm passed on. Behind, on the same route, two closed wagons advanced slowly, drawn by spare horses, whose poorly-shod hoofs sank deep into the snow and slipped on the frozen road. These wagons belonged to a company of mountebanks, who were returning from a fair and on their way to Gray. In the first wagon, wrapped in old cloaks or blankets, full of holes and of every color of the rainbow, men, women, and children lay huddled together—some upon mattresses, others upon bundles of dirty straw. It was a strange mixture of faces, young and old, homely rather than handsome; of gloomy features contracted by suffering or in anticipation of the cares of the morrow; of profound sadness and stupid or heart-rending gayety; in short, a picture of pitiable poverty.

But the entire company was not in the wagon. Two men, the elder of whom might have been thirty years old, had left it, and were walking ahead with their hands buried in their pockets, and their shoulders about on a level with their ears, at such a short distance from the first horse, that they felt at moments the hot breath from his nostrils. The elder was the clown of the troupe—the one that receives the kicks and slaps with many grimaces, tears or bursts of laughter. The other, a big fellow of five-and-twenty, played the leading roles, such as Buridan in "The Tower of Nesle," the Count in "Genevieve de Brabant," and the Lord knows what else in "The Pious Woman-thief, or the Maid-servant of Palaisean," etc., etc. He wore his hair cut short, while his lip was graced with a tremendous moustache! His companion, on the other hand, had a smooth face and long, straight hair, that fell over his angular shoulders.

The younger looked as proud, contented, and self-sufficient as the clown appeared humble, timid, and disconsolate. There was a bitter expression in the wrinkles about the lips of the latter, and something sad and resigned in his eyes. But, as low as he had fallen, this poor being had not yet lost all his manhood.

"So you deplore your lot, clown?" said the other, continuing a conversation which they had been carrying on. "Yet you eat almost every day. And when the receipts are good, haven't you your wine and coffee as well as me?"

"Yes, I do deplore my lot," replied the clown; "for my mother didn't bring me into the world to have me follow this wretched business."

"Was, then, your mother a princess?" asked the other, with a sneer.

"No, but an honest woman."

"So, my fine friend, you imagine yourself dishonored because you parade a bit before our tent, in order to entice the good people who have a few sous in their pockets?"

"No: but it doesn't please me. I should prefer to do something else."

"Have you any other profession?"

"Alack, no! But I went to school, and know how to read and write."

"Everyone in this enlightened age knows how to read and write, my poor clown. That isn't enough; one must have talent. Don't you believe I worked to get the position I hold to-day in Croquefer's troupe?"

"Maybe I *have* talent," rejoined the clown modestly.

The other shrugged his shoulders, laughing. "Had you only been bred a scholar, you might aspire to something," he said sarcastically.

"Did you ever take a bachelor's degree yourself?" questioned the clown.

"No; but I can read Latin."

It was the clown's turn to laugh now.

"But what do you fancy the most?" asked the big man.

"I should like to try something on my own account; for instance, a—a puppet show."

"Zounds! a fine fancy indeed!" exclaimed the other in his bantering tone. "But, my dear clown, you would have to make your puppets move and talk; besides, you must have plays, know them by heart, and be able to imitate the voice of an old man, a mother, a young girl, and her lover——"

"Oh, I can disguise my voice!" broke in the clown. "As for the plays, I've got two or three in my head already. But, you see, the trouble is I need money to start with."

"Ah, ah!" cried the genius of the stage, breaking into a coarse laugh. "Money! we all know what that is worth! Do you imagine I would be on the road at this hour of the night, walking in the snow, and shivering with cold, if I had money?"

The clown heaved a deep sigh, and drew his patched cloak closer about him, as if he were freezing. At that moment the cries of the child struck their ears.

CHAPTER XVIII.—THE CLOWN.

Feeling that something unusual was occurring on the road, the horses had pricked up their ears, neighing loudly, and came finally to a stand. The clown and his companion were already beside the child, who continued to fill the air with its cries and moans. They discovered poor Lucile stretched out, frozen stiff, and picked her up, unable to tell whether she was dead or still alive. Perceiving that she had a leather bag on her arm, the clown took it, unknown to his companion, and slipped it on his own arm.

Three men had sprung quickly from the first wagon. One of them seized the horse by the bridle, and led him on. Then, at an order from Croquefer, the "boss," mother and child were received in the closed vehicle by the women, who hastened to attend to Lucile and warm the little fellow up.

Although the unfortunate woman still lived, they expected that every moment would be her last. They did, however, their best to restore her by rubbing her vigorously, and succeeded with difficulty in making her swallow a few drops of brandy. A little warmth returned gradually to Lucile's limbs, and she opened her eyes finally, but appeared to take no notice of anything. Her body remained as rigid as a corpse, and not a muscle of her white face showed that she had recovered sensation.

Meanwhile, once more warm, little Edmund had fallen asleep between the paws of a large, shaggy mountain-dog, that kept licking his face and hands with touching affection.

The little caravan was on the move again. The clown had climbed into the second wagon, where he had nestled himself as well as possible among the scenery and paraphernalia of the Croquefer show. Being of a very sensitive nature, it was quite long before he recovered from the emotion which the adventure just now had caused him. Then he bethought himself of the bag which he had taken from the young woman's arm without the knowledge of his troubled companion. What had he done with it? He did not recollect having thrown it into the first vehicle; so he must have brought it with him. Not daring to strike a match in the midst of the highly inflammable property of the honorable Croquefer, he began to grope for the bag, which he soon found. He perceived that it was not full, yet quite heavy. He shook it, but only a hollow sound came from the inside. Little by little the demon of curiosity took possession of him. The bag was locked, but he had felt a small key attached to the handle. After hesitating a moment, he inserted the key in the lock and opened the bag.

"You are doing wrong!" cried a voice. But curiosity being stronger than the voice of conscience, he plunged his hand boldly to the bottom of the bag, and felt the rolls of gold.

"I suspected it," he murmured, with a shiver. He took out a roll and weighed it in his hand.

"Heavy!" he mused; "it must be gold!"

He counted the rolls, measured their length, and began to pant for breath. His head swam.

"Gold! a pile of gold—a fortune!" he whispered to himself, shivering again.

"I took the bag from the woman," he went on; "no one saw me, I am sure. The child is too young to know, to tell; he won't say anything. If the woman is dead—if she dies—nobody will ever know; the gold is mine!"

"And the child?" he resumed after a short pause. "His mother's gold belongs to him; I am robbing him. Oh, robbing a child! Have I become a rogue, a thief? Jerome Greluche a thief! No, no; that's a lie! I am not a thief!"

He clasped his burning forehead with his hand, pursuing:

"Let me reflect. Ought I to give up the bag and its contents to Croquefer? Yes. But I know the boss; if the woman dies he will take all, and the little fellow will never get a copper of his inheritance. Croquefer will keep him with him. He won't beat him unmercifully, as he does the rest, in consideration of the gold he will have stolen from him; but he will enroll him in the troupe—and what will he make of him? A clown? Well, no, Croquefer shall not have the gold; I'll keep it. If the woman lives, I'll return her property to her; if she dies——"

Here Jerome Greluche again found himself very much embarrassed and perplexed. But he was not devoid of imagination; he created in his mind certain things which he called *theatrical pieces*, destined for his much-dreamed-up puppets. Calling to his assistance the resources of his inventive mind, he began to reflect on the situation, and to think of what reasonable and honorable decision he might come to. His meditation lasted a good half-hour. Then he closed the bag, cut the string that held the key, and put the latter in his pocket. This done, he groped once more till he found the old valise that contained his pageant costumes and a few rags assuming enough to call themselves linen.

The valise was small, yet far from full; it held, however, the whole of Jerome Greluche's worldly goods. He placed Lucile's bag with the rolls of gold under the old clothes, and locked the valise again. Then he crawled back to his nook, and, stretching himself upon a heap of tinsel out of use, which served him as a mattress, was soon fast asleep.

It was a little after daybreak when the wagons entered the town of Gray. A moment later they stopped before an inn. While the jaded horses were being unharnessed, Greluche approached the first wagon timidly, and inquired about the young woman who had been picked up on the road.

"She's alive yet," replied one of the women, "but it isn't likely she will live much longer."

"What is Croquefer going to do with her?" the clown asked then.

"She's to go to the hospital, of course."

"And the little boy?" stammered Greluche, suppressing a sigh.

"Oh, with him it's different; he's completely restored. Croquefer has decided to keep him and teach him to turn somersaults and such like."

"Superb prospects!" muttered Greluche, with a shudder.

Croquefer, who had entered the inn, returned at that moment.

"So," said he in his usual coarse voice, "now we will rid ourselves of this woman. Two of you get a stretcher, and carry her to the hospital at once. Meanwhile I'll go and pay my respects to the Mayor and get his sanction for the performance in this noble town of our interesting, thrilling, and stunning spectacle, which has hitherto proved the greatest dramatic success of the day. The devil!" he exclaimed all at once, frowning. "This brat will cause us some embarrassment for the moment; he will begin to yelp as soon as he sees them carrying off his mother, and will want to follow her. What's to be done? I have it; he must be got out of her sight. Here, Jerome, my friend, you adore children, so I'll confide the brat to you. Stroll about the town with him while they take his mother to the hospital. Should he take it into his head to bawl—wait, here's a sou—buy him a cake; that will stop up his mouth. Come—to work!"

Notwithstanding its resistance, the child was taken from the wagon and thrown into the arms of the clown, who pressed it to his heart, kissed both its hands, and hurried off. A moment later, Lucile, still inert and laid upon a stretcher, was carried to the hospital, where she was immediately admitted. The mountebanks declared—which was the truth—that the young woman was a stranger to them, and that they had found her on the road insensible; but, following Croquefer's instructions, they said nothing about the little boy. The physician in attendance examined the young woman, and shook his head gravely, saying:

"Nothing short of a miricle will save the unfortunate creature!"

These words were repeated to Greluche, who was found hovering near the hospital.

"Then all hope is gone," he soliloquized.

He looked down at the child, who kept crying: "Let's go back to mamma," and tears filled his eyes.

"One more orphan in the world," he said to himself. "Poor little fellow! But have no fear; I'll not forsake you; you shall never want."

He returned to the wagons, and found them deserted by the members of the troupe, who were already settled in the inn. He took his valise unseen, threw it over his shoulder, and, holding the little boy by the hand, all the while quieting him by telling him that he was going after mamma, hastened into a lonely by-street. Half an hour afterwards Croquefer returned to the inn, rubbing his hands in high glee. He had obtained from the Mayor license to stop a week at Gray, and to erect his tent on one of the quays of the Saone. Little did he dream in his great joy that his clown was at that moment being whirled over the road to Dijon with the child he had confided to his care, and for whom he was reserving such a *brilliant* future!

END OF PART THE FIRST.

MISS NELLIE CALHOUN—DEBUTANTE.

PART THE SECOND.—OLD MARDOCHE.

CHAPTER I.—REMORSE.

The gay May sun is shining in a beautiful sky; the merry birds are warbling in the hedgerows on the hill, where the hawthorn is in bloom; the valley of the Sablenue is covered with flowers; while the river itself flows and meanders like a long and broad silver ribbon embossed with gold spangles.

Nothing is changed at Seuillon. The cattle are grazing in the large pasture; the cocks are crowing, the sheep bleating. In the barn, a farm-hand, armed with a large iron fork, is singing at the top of his voice an old song of Franche Comte. At one of the windows of the farmhouse appears the bright and laughing face of a young girl, a golden blonde. It is no longer Lucile, but Blanche—Blanche now called, as Lucile was formerly, the Damsel of Seuillon. The secret of her birth had been strictly kept; she was told that her mother had died in giving her birth; she knows nothing more. She believes that Jacques Mellier is her father, as Pierre Rouvenat is her godfather. Perhaps Jean Renaud's name has never been mentioned in her presence. In truth, this name is quite forgotten, and there is scarcely one among the old inhabitants of Civry or Fremicourt who recollects the Wolf-hunter.

Since the murder of the twenty-fourth day of June, 1850, the snow has covered the ground many times. How many things, how many events, that have also been forgotten, have taken place since then! A whole generation has disappeared, making way for another. The old folks of twenty years back are in their graves, and the children have become men and women. It would be useless to question them, for they do not recollect. Yet when they pass the spot where the corpse was found they say: "A man was murdered there." And if a stranger overhears these words, and wishes to satisfy his curiosity, he receives in reply:

"I couldn't tell you, it happened so long ago."

Thus oblivion falls upon everything. Have not the greatest historical events often the same fate? And yet every one of them has its printed page; but so few take the trouble to read and learn.

Blanche is not quite nineteen; but she looks scarcely seventeen, so recently has her rosy face begun to bloom, so petite is her form, and so full of infantine grace are her glances, smiles, and movements. Nature has denied her nothing; it has given her intelligence, beauty, a melodious voice, amiability, grace and purity, all that attracts and charms.

If we enter Jacques Mellier's room, which he seldom quits now, we will find it difficult to recognize the old farmer. Woe has smitten him mercilessly. One cannot commit an odious crime with impunity. The remorse that is consuming him has made him much more aged and bowed him more to the ground than the years themselves. He has no longer a will of his own, no more desires, no more hopes; all his strength of mind and body has gone; tears have bedimmed his eyes; he is crushed, annihilated; he is naught now but an inert mass; he does not walk—he seems to drag himself from place to place. But he still has the faculty of thinking and remembering. The remembrance is horrible, his mind is constantly tortured. This is his chastisement.

What Pierre Rouvenat predicted has come to pass. Notwithstanding the lovely child that has grown up under his protection, Jacques finds himself alone, forsaken, walking without solace towards the grave, surrounded by worldly goods amassed by several generations of toil, for which greedy relatives will dispute over his very coffin. His love for his daughter was never extinct in his heart; little by little it swelled again within him, until one day he said to Pierre, with tears and sobs:

"I wish my daughter to return to my side; go and look for her, bring her back; I will receive her with open arms."

The old servant let his head fall upon his breast and wept in silence. Then the farmer rose, crying:

"Answer me, Pierre—where is my daughter?"

"I do not know," replied Rouvenat, with a groan.

"Ah! you are not telling me the truth! She is dead, is she not? She is dead!"

"I do not know," repeated poor Pierre. "I have not seen nor heard from mother or son since the day they left Saint Irun. It was her intention to go back to the Jura. I wrote to the village where she had lived for five years—I even went there myself three years ago, without your knowledge—but she had never been seen there again. What has become of them? Is Lucile dead or alive? I know not!"

Jacques Mellier uttered a doleful cry and threw himself upon the bed, tearing his hair in despair.

And since then how many tears he has shed in thinking of the unhappy child whom he cast off with his curse!

Now that he writhes like an accursed soul at the remembrance of his crime and the irreparable misfortunes he caused, he would fain make every reparation for all. With what joy he would give up what he possesses, his farm, his fortune—all, all—in order to have his daughter restored to him!

"Is Lucile dead or alive? I know not," Pierre had said to him. These words recur to him over and over again; they echo lugubriously in his ears, and are like a steel blade, sinking deeper and deeper into his heart.

Rouvenat has long been the actual master of the farm. Under his care and economy Jacques Mellier's wealth has largely increased, and he is the faithful guardian of it.

As we saw him nineteen years ago, so we find him to-day—his form still erect, his face serious, strong in body, ardent at work, encouraging all by his good example. His beard and hair have turned white, and his brow and cheeks are wrinkled. There is nothing else to show that he has grown old.

Although he has not the remorse that gnaws and consumes his master, he also has his great trouble. The grief he endures is keen and profound; he regrets, thinking continually of Lucile and her child, and sometimes of poor Renaud; and when he is alone, shut up in his room, after a hard day's work, instead of reposing and sleeping, he weeps. He is very fond of his goddaughter; he watches over her as over a precious treasure confided to his devotion and honor. But, though she often softens his long, bitter hours, she does not succeed in making him forget the others. When he looks at Blanche, and his eyes become moist, it is of them he is thinking. Where are they now? What are they doing? Alas! he knows not. Perhaps both of them are dead. No matter; he expects to see them again.

Pierre Rouvenat has a great idea in his head—an idea which no power in the world could force him to relinquish.

TO BE CONTINUED.

DECEIFED,
OR DER SEGRET DOOTHBICK.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY CHARLEY RUSSELL.

SHAPTER DER VONE.

He gould shood a arrow vrom hisself,
Und run avay mid such hurry
Dot it dumbled avay dime ago
Before der second left der shod-gun.—LONGFELLER.

Id vas der glose of a exdraordinary boodiful Abril mornings in der Inchun Summer of der year 18 hundred und dyd. Der glocks py der meedin'-house adeebles vas shust boinding at sefen minudes in frond of 6 o'glock, when a soldary intivitual sdranger migdd haf peen seen do emerge vrom der paak-door of a saloon in der city of Keno, Shdate of Vyoming Derridory, und garefully vipe der remains of a bind of gorn-vhiskey vrom his vhiskers mit his goat-tails. Der glassic sefen-food anadomy of der man vas inglosed in a dress suit of tai shkins. His navy-ret hair vas also not peen introduced mit der barpers for gwite a beriod of dimes. Der rents in his bandyloons vas oggubied py a shoice selegtion of knifes und refolfers, und in each hant vas grasbed an 8-day reboading-rifle. Dhere vas an awful look of dedermination mid his aguiline coundenances. As his fingers confulsively glutched der shooders he gast vone eye ofer his left ear, und der other eye der shdreet down, dhen vhispered der single derrible vord "Gore."

After garefully adchusding his pelt a leedle dighter, und making sure dot der knifes und refolfers vas in goodtions for a gonditions of bloody piesess, he looged garefully around do inform hisself of he vas peen vatched, dhen quietly snbit on his hands, und mit long sdrides vas soon load do observation in der obsgurity of der brimeval vorest.

SHAPDER DER DWOTH.

Py der gonvidence of how.
Somedhing vicked comes dis vay.—SHAGESBEARE.

'Dwas night. Der monodony und gwiedude of der hushed shdillness of slumpering Nadure vas unproken py der ruliced sdrains und melongolly varblings of der vrogs und gatydids. Der gooses und odder pirds vas long been redired do dheir gouches oud.

Wafded on der vings of evening game der rare bet'ween der wild exodics und der —— Hark! Vhat sound vas dot? Der rebort of a gannon vas seen vrom a glump of gooseperry vines on der exdreme lefd. Ah ha!! It is—— But vait.

SHAPDER DER DHREE.

"Vas burned der villain shdill."

"No, Herpert; I can neier be your vife. I brefer do alvays remain an oldt maid, der same like my boor mudder vas. I lofe you mit all my earnedness, but id can nefer oggur."

Der above gonversations vas undressed do der 4d mate of der Hopogen und Goney Island Royal Male Shdeam Backet Gombany's Schow der "Elixir." Der nople vessel vas shust sefen days vrom Goney Island, und Miss Veronica McGuah vas a saloon bassengers bound for rest, regreation und voreign drafel in New Chersey. Vrom der oggasion of her first abbearance by der hurrigane deck der heart of Herpert Von Cook, der 4d mate, had viprated mit blenty of aggidations und vehemence. He yearned do call her bet names, und glasp her to his lonely posom. Der delidate plushes by her dhrobbing eyeprows vhenever she chanced do meet his affedionate gaze gab him der encouragemends dot his lofe vas peen recibrogated. Six long days relapsed pefore der shance oferdook him vhen he gould degiare himself. Shlowly but surely der oggasion arrided vhen he gould found oud his fate. Dhis lofely moonlighd nigdd he saw der obchect of his affections regining all alone dogether on der dopsail yards, shewing daffy und oggasionally dibbing vone of her boodiful feet in der vater do fool der sharks. Shdruck, py der authimidy of der biedure, Herpert gwickly dropped to his knees, und mit drembling accents und dender vords asged her do become his broderdy. After receiding der rebiy regorded at der peginning of dis shapder he found a vell villainous look of indense hadred obbeared mit his sinister brodfie. Dhen nerfously snatching a goncealed razor vrom pehind his ear und remoging his valse deeths, he strang do his feet, dashed up der shrouds, und der remainder of dhis shdory vas peen gondinued in der "Guardian of Nights." Price sigs sents. For sale py eferypody.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC GENTLEMAN, in speaking of the courage of his "adored," said "she would walk up to a cannon's or a lover's mouth without shrinking a muscle."

MOTTO FOR TEA-DEALERS.—Honest tea is the best policy.

HOW MUCH DOES THE BABY WEIGH?

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY VANDYKE BROWN.

How much does the Baby weigh?
Well, that depends, we should say,
A good deal on the time of day
And surrounding circumstances;
In the morning, rosy and bright,
Arrayed in his pinafore white,
He seems as airy and light
As a maiden's passing fancies.

But when from a nap he wakes
With one of his infantile aches,
The scale he pitches on makes
One think of the heavy Doric;
And so, as the day wears on,
And he weighs each pro and con,
The way of this paragon
Is lightened by paregoric!

Or, when at a show, he begins,
On account of invisible pins,
To cry with a vigor that wins
More undivided attention
Than either the star or play—
Why, then it is safe to say
That the way a baby will weigh
Is a thing not pleasant to mention!

Or when, to assuage the cramps
Of this sweetest of colicky scamps,
His father at midnight tramps
The floor, compelled to obey him,
Condemned to shiver and freeze,
While on others he sheds all their ease—
A baby, at times like these,
Requires a hay-scales to weigh him!

POTPOURI

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY CHARLES H. DAY.

ON THE SQUARE.

Mr. Utility met Mr. Leading opposite Collins' saloon, on Union square. Said Utility to Leading: "'Criterion!' What does that mean?"

Leading responded:

"Criterion is something to *go buy*."

He took the hint.

SARAH.

Bernhardt refused a proposition from Birch and Backus. They wanted her to go on the "bone-end."

SALVINI.

The return of the great Italian tragedian to our shores recalls Alec Calhoun's experience in playing the star in Hartford, Ct. At the time Mr. Calhoun was the most active manager on the New England circuit, playing all the leading attractions. Of late he has been retired from active management on account of rheumatic troubles. The ex-Yankee manager and pioneer show-printer played a losing night in the Capital City with the famous actor, but scored what the local editor generally denominates "an artistic success." As the audience dispersed, an enthusiastic acquaintance rushed up to the manager and grasped him by the hand, exclaiming:

"By Jove! he's grand, aint he, Alec? I'd give twice as much to see him again as I did to-night, wouldn't you?"

"No, I'm darned if I would!" replied the printer-manager, keeping in mind his losses for the night. "Not much."

SARAH AGAIN.

MRS. BLANK (*reading a newspaper*).—Why, I see that this French actress paints and models, as well as acts.

MR. BLANK.—Yes, I hear she *leans* that way.

SUCH IS LIFE.

Faber met Quill the other day in front of the office of a popular illustrated journal. After exchanging greetings, Quill, who is employed on a rival sheet, remarked:

"I am terribly disappointed this week; got up ——'s portrait and obituary for our front page, and he aint dead yet!"

NOTHING LIKE ADVERTISING.

Advertising has become a high art, and every day one sees its advant

NEW YORK CLIPPER.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No Answers by Mail or Telegraph.

[For answers to unanswered questions, see first page of "Theatrical Record."]

☞ QUESTIONS THAT DO NOT REACH THIS OFFICE UNTIL MONDAY MORNING WILL NOT BE ANSWERED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

W. H., Hamilton.—1. Although the articles of agreement did not so specify, the match between Hanlan and Trickett virtually involved the championship of the world. The races rowed on the Tyne in 1866 by Harry Kelley, then champion of England, and James Hamill, champion of America, were regarded by many persons on both sides of the Atlantic as for the championship of the world, and were so referred to at times by the sporting press, although no mention of such a title was made in the articles. After winning these races, Kelley announced his retirement. On Nov. 22 of that year Bob Chambers and Joe Sadler rowed for the champion-ship of England, the former winning. This decided Kelley to come before the public again, and on May 6, 1867, he defeated Chambers for the championship of England, which title was wrested from him by James Renforth Nov 17, 1868. The latter retained possession of the title up to the time of his death on the banks of the Kennebecasis River, New Brunswick, Aug. 23, 1871. Had Renforth lived, he would undoubtedly have rowed in the international champ-ionship match at Halifax, N. S., Aug. 31, Sept. 1, gatta which took place at Saratoga. Hanlan, in his row over on Chautauqua Lake, was officially timed as rowing five miles, with a turn, in 33m. 36⅘s. The fastest time for the distance in a race between oarsmen is 30m. 39s., by Josh Bubier in

ght, on Dec. 6. The three-ball game
ry fair runs are making.....At
dson square, Boston, on the night
ckey and S. R. Childs played the
he games of fifteen-ball pool for
ars as announced. It was a
the old call-game, the pyra-
the old American fifteen-ball
to accounts. Childs won eleven
ckey was crediting himself with
till of St. John, N. B., acted as
rds Hickey undertook to discount
three-ball game, 100 points up,
ey having scored but 68 .....Jeff
now in St. Louis, discounted J.
ames of 50 points each and beat
and made a stand-off of two
ints at the same odds.....J.
of the Brunswick & Balke Co.
m his recent severe illness.

ASEBALL.

AGUE CONVENTION.

sociation was organized in this
ng of 1876; since that time they
nual meeting here. On Wednes-
eague Convention of 1880 will be
ame Hotel in this city, when
rtance to the future welfare of
be transacted. The clubs which
ss are the Chicago, Cleveland and
West, and the Boston, Provi-
Worcester, from the East. The
send his resident, Mr. Thomp-
ager, Mr. Bancroft, as their dele-
prettily certain that this club will
innati Club. The Nationals will
ship, but the Metropolitans have
nter the League this season, as
ould involve too great an outlay.
resented by Mr. Day on the occa-
to arrange Spring games with
ue clubs, as they have secured
for four days of each week from
1881.

CLUB will present the following
on: Bradley, pitcher; Bennett,
Fulmer and Whitney on the
t-stop; with Wood, Hanlon and
utfield, and Chas. Reilly as the
club was formally organized on
following officers were elected:
Thompson; secretary, E. T. Bar-
Geo. R. Watson; directors, W. F.
H. Maloney, H. S. Atterbury, N.
, Brush and Geo. Hendrie. The
by-laws are substantially the
f the Chicago Club. The capital
been subscribed, and the club
admitted to the League at its
on Dec. 8, when W. G. Thompson
will be present as delegates.

AN has finally signed with the
or next season, and will again
on both in batting and in field-
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Caps of St. Paul. Minn., who
st showing this season, and were
ning more games in the League
an any other club. McClellan
hicagos, and played second base
ng season of 1878. His services
by the Nationals of Washington,
e played during the past two sea-
he batting averages both in 1879

ANS LEAGUE.—The Crescent and
os were announced to play on
Orleans, La., on the 7th inst. and
f the preceding six weeks had
h a condition that it was impos-

formerly short-stop of the Utica
has recovered from his recent
ses to re-entering the professional

NINE are hard at work in the
y spend one hour each day at
ching, and another on the appa-

well-known third-baseman of the
dington, is spoken of as likely
on for the Providence Club next

DGE, who caught in past seasons
Chicagos and Troys, is now a
military police of Troy, N. Y.
and Wm. H. Craver purpose
ffort for reinstatement at the
e League, to be held in this city.
son, late of the Cleveland Club,
ll at this office for an important

now a commercial traveler for a

E RING.

OF JOE WINDROW.

nera ion of pugilists and ring goers
, whose name is a household
le is not familiar. In the days when
s furnishing institution in America
here, Joe was quite a prom-
her with, although never having at-
bricity by reason of his performances
asters within the roped arena, his
his record on both sides of the Atlantic
ough his engagements were not nu-
than fourteen battles, which is
born at Liverpool, Eng., June 12,
hes in height, and his fighting weight
appearance in the ring was quite
, 1833, near his native place, his an-
ing fellow named Brooke, whom he de-
thirty-six rounds, in one hour and
was not long in finding another cus-
of Bill Good. They mulled at Cross-
track. He was quite a prom-
after being engaged an hour and
ng which time twenty-nine rounds
next opponent was McGuire, who
rpool in 1834, this battle resulting in a
for Joe, after forty minutes, twenty-
ought. These were the days when
as a principal previous to coming to
ng, Joe was also in this country
his antagonist being Mike Mad-
orsville, within the limits of the
indrow remained about
n the two cities, for Dick was
opular with "the boys" and their
ng will be between Hollywood and
ment of the art, Johnny Carman,
or some years been hidden, but who
e" when he dons the mittens.

TION FROM ROOKE.

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ve hundred dollars (perhaps a larger
ham will cover a deposit to that
ver since their fiasco of last Spring
these men as boxers has continued
son is manifest that Sheehan and George
to have the question settled without
lay. He thinks that Donovan should
ke the matter; and
is worth willing for, and Mike will
cent of it, he hopes that Donovan
like a man, and enter into an agree-
three weeks from making arrange-

fect takes place at Harry Hill's, on
ay afternoon, Dec. 9, and those who
a limited exclusive entertainments
r cut out for them on the occasion.
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ense their usual fine exhibition.
iving exhibitions with Charley
along the railroads between
He is in Troy occasionally,
and fine linen, always clean
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RTHY has opened a sparring-
n, Ont., and he informs us that
ing well are favorable.

ER for Michael Donovan.

—The recent rise in the tempera-
d havoc with the hopes of the
e metropolis, who had calculat-
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The skating-houses are nearly
k, but Jack Frost has delayed
annual contract to supply a
ast four inches in thickness for
re is to be a fashionable roller-
n Tuesday night at the rink on
d 59th street.

here is a telegram of great im-
this office.

ATHLETIC.

PAST TIME IN CALIFORNIA.

The feature of the second annual field meeting of the University of California, held at the Oakland trotting track Nov. 20, was the performance of R. S. Haley (scratch), 1, in 51⅞s.; D. Elseman (30yds.), 2; H. C. Eggers (35), 0; J. J. McGillivray (22), 0. The start was pretty, Haley bounding off at a tremendous pace, and the same spirit animating the rest of the sprinters. In 100yds. Haley had collared McGillivray, and he then made a determined effort to overtake Elseman and Eggers, who were running for dear life, the latter making his real maiden sprint. Haley passed the 300yd. line in 32¾sec., slightly behind the best record (31⅝sec.), but better by 2⅛sec. than Myers' New York performance during the past Summer. He was only a few feet behind Elseman and Eggers, who were running nearly even at this point, and he caught up with both of them at the 350yd. mark, which was passed in 38⅜sec.—¾sec. better than the best on record, made by L. E. Myers at the Polo Grounds and the recent athletic Club a month or so ago. The terrible pace, however, told on the little sprinter, and knowing that he had passed the intermediate points at which the timers were stationed, he slackened his speed and began to wobble in a manner that threatened to make a serious inroad on the final time. But he struggled gamely on, dropping Eggers fifty yards from the outcome, and passing the tape three yards ahead of Elseman in 53½sec. The timing was done by competent men, and the distances were accurately measured with a steel tape. N. W. Leonard acted as starter, and Messrs. Germain, Weed, Sime, Belcher and McIntyre as timers; Adam Aulbach, referee. The Bay of the track has a rise of eighteen inches in the one hundred yards."

The other events resulted as follows: 100yds run —Frick, ¹84, 1. in 11⅛s.; Jasper, ²82, 2; Levisee, L. C., 3. Running wide-jump—Haley, 18ft. 8½in.; Harding, 18ft. 2in. Running high-jump—J. S. McGillivray, ²81, 5ft. 5in. 120yd hurdle race—First heat—Frick, ¹84, 1, in 20s.; Jasper, ²82, 2; Lindley, 3. Second heat—McGillivray, ²81, 1, in 20⅝s.; Ostrander, ²83, 2. Final heat—Frick, 1. in 20s.; McGillivray, 2. Running hop-step-and-jump—Harding, 32. 40ft. 9¾in; Ostrander, ²83, 39ft. 10in. One-mile bicycle race—McNear rode over the course in 3m. 52s. The judges were Dr. Lamberth and Messrs. Dunn of the University and W. R. Dunn of the Olympic Club.

A NEW SIX-DAY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Daniel O'Leary called upon us on Monday afternoon, Dec. 6, and stated that, in view of the fact that in all probability Charles Rowell will before long be pitted against Elseman in the evening grounds and McCoy, which was both of solid hits, especially by the ex- his words good. I. C. W. Reagan of St. Albans, Vt., here- by challenge said John can to wrestle me collar-and-elbow style, best one fall or more, for $50 a side, for the sum of one hundred dollars a side, one-half of which amount I now place in your hands as a forfeit. The match to be governed strictly by Ed. James' rules, and to be decided in New York City, at such time and place as may be hereafter agreed upon. I will meet Mr. Johnson at THE CLIPPER office on Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, between 1 and 2 o'clock, for the purpose of signing articles. Respectfully, C. W. REAGAN.

FAST SPRINTING.—On Nov. 13 E. L. Lucas, at the Jesus College sports, Cambridge University, Eng., ran 100yds in 10 1-5sec., and 200yds. (both from scratch) in 29 1-5sec., which latter cuts Shearman's record by one-fifth of a second. He had a good wind at his back. On the 15th, at the Trinity College meeting, same place, F. G. L. Lucas, brother to the fiver above-mentioned, proved that sprinting power ran in the family, for with a favoring wind he won the final heat of the "hundred" in 10sec., dead.

SEVERAL PEDESTRIAN CONTESTS took place at the Recreation Grounds, San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 21. The first was a mile-race between Peter McIntyre and George Newes, for $250 a side. McIntyre was the big favorite, and he won by half-a-dozen yards in 4m. 48⅛s. Then G. Guerrero attempted to run seven miles in quicker time than John Callahan walked five, but the latter won easily in 43m. 41s. Finally Guerrero won a two-mile race, defeating Switters in 11m. 25s.

A WRESTLING MATCH, collar and elbow holds, for an announced stake of $200 took place Nov. 30 at Malague's "White House," near the Market-street railroad depot, Newark, N. J., between William Burns of that place and William Massey, a New-Yorker. The latter won three falls in succession, and was therefore awarded the victory. The winner was backed by Mr. Malague, and Matt Finnigan found the money for Massey.

A 20-MILE GREYHOUNDS CHASE was participated in by a number of Harvard University athletes Nov. 30. The hares were Thomas Thatcher, '82, and Sanford Morison, '83, and there were five in the pack, E. W. Atkinson being the whippet-in. They had an enjoyable run in the country, that eight miles, and the hares, who had seven minutes' start, finished nine minutes ahead of the first of their pursuers.

ARTHUR HANCOCK was the winner of the postponed fifty-mile walk at the Lambeth Baths' Gymnasium, London, on Nov. 20. H. Thatcher retired after covering 33 8-24 miles in 6h. 25m. 23s., and Hancock was allowed to stop at the end of 36 2-24 miles. W. Howes quit after doing 29¼ miles in 5h. 59m., and C. Thomas only went 11 miles 20 laps. R. Watson was third-three.

R. B. MATHISON and John T. Crossley are matched to run one hundred yards, for $500 a side, at the Holly, N. J., fair grounds, between 2 and 4 P. M. on Friday, Dec. 10. Crossley is in receipt of one yard, and it is to be a fifteen-foot scratch start; if not off in fifteen minutes, to go by report of pistol.

BUSINESS of more than ordinary interest was expected to be transacted at the special meeting of the executive committee of the National Association of Amateur Athletes called for Monday evening, Dec. 6, at the Knickerbocker Cottage, this city.

M. J. HAPPENY defeated J. T. Burns in a fifteen-mile run at Marlboro, Mass., Dec. 2. The former ran the first ten miles in 57 minutes, and as Burns quit on the eleventh mile, the full distance was not completed.

A 100-YARDS RACE on the ice at Jackson, Mich., Nov. 26, between Wm. Morrison and A. L. Richardson of Hamilton, Ont., the former skating and the latter running, was won by Richardson by 3½ yards.

THE TROY (N. Y.) ATHLETIC CLUB held its annual opening at their room Thursday night, Dec. 2, and gave a very creditable exhibition to a large audience.

TIM SHORER of Jackson, Mich., and Chas. Wyatt of Tennessee, ran a 100-yards race at Charlotte, Mich., Nov. 29. Shorer, who had 6 feet start, won.

WILLIAM GALE on Nov. 20 commenced the task of walking 2,500 miles in 1,000 hours, walking a mile and a quarter every half hour, in London, Eng.

W. J. HOWARD of Detroit, Mich., bicycled to Saline Nov. 2 in just 5 hours; distance, 41 miles.

O. N. Y. ATHLETIC CLUB.—A large crowd assembled at the St. George Cricket Club Grounds, Hoboken, N. J., Nov. 25, to witness a ten-mile race between the employes of Geo. A. Clark & Bro., spool-cotton manufacturers, for prizes of $60, $35, $25, $15, $10 and $5. Twenty men started, several of whom gave out before the end of the race, which ended as follows: Martin Horne, 1; Thomas Wilson, 2; Thomas Bran, 3; Wm. Barnie, 4; H. Brinkerhoff, 5; Jas. T. Dawes, 6. Betting at the start was ⅔ to 1 in favor of Jas. T. Dawes.

ED. C. HOLSKE, the American champion walker up to fifty miles, was last week made supremely happy by being presented by his wife (nee Miss Annie Tweed) with a nine-pound boy. Ed says that, judging from the newcomer's build, he will be a natural walker, and he proposes, when the proper time arrives, to back him for solid money against the best of 'em.

THE MERION CRICKET CLUB held its annual meeting on Dec. 3 in Philadelphia, Pa. The ground committee reported the addition of two and a half acres to the club grounds and the erection of a new and commodious club-house. The membership was reported to be 231, with 85 juniors. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William W. Montgomery; vice-president, Allen Evans; secretary, Robert S. Sayres; treasurer, William R. Philler. Ground Committee—Richard H. Reilly, J. S. Waln, Lindley Haines, William Stroud and George S. Philler. After the adjournment of the meeting about a hundred of the members of the Merion Club sat down to their annual dinner, James Rawle, the retiring president, being in the chair.

THEATRICAL RECORD.

DRAMATIC.

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SHANNON & EDESON'S "Golden Game" company appeared in St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 30, and continued Dec. 1, 2. Owing to insufficient announcement, the business done was only fair. They went thence to Minneapolis 3, 4. La Crosse, Wis., 6. Racine 7, Milwaukee 8, 9, 10, 11, Cincinnati, O., 13, for one week.

HAVERLY'S "WIDOW BEDOTT" COMPANY amused the public of Columbia, S. C., Dec. 1, Charlotte, N. C., 2, Danville, Va., 3, Lynchburg 4, going thence to Richmond 6, 7, 8, Petersburg 9, Norfolk 10, 11, Washington, D. C., 13, for one week.

WM. T. STEPHENS and Minnie Oscar Gray, with their supporting dogs, have played a most successful engagement at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, Pa., during the past week. They have been re-engaged for Jan. 24, 1881. Mr. Stephens is particularly anxious to secure dates in California, where he believes the attractions of his play will make it a success. In his advertisement elsewhere can be found very complimentary testimonials from the press and from Manager J. F. Kelly of Philadelphia, Pa.

CHAS. E. PERINE'S AMERICAN JUVENILE COMBINATION will begin a season of two weeks at the Brooklyn Athenæum Dec. 25. The company consists of the following people: Lisle Lee, Dolly Williams (said to be the original juvenile Buttercup), Inez Shepard (formerly of Haverly's Juvenile Company), Daisy Vaney, Nancy Randall, A. R. Oakley and H. Prince. Prof. C. P. Bach is the musical director. "Cinderella" will constitute the attraction.

POWER & PELSIFER'S PARAGON COMPANY produced "The Galley Slave" Dec. 3 and "Dr. Clyde" 4 in Wagner's Opera-house, Bradford, Pa. They are booked in New Castle, Pa., 11, Erie 13, 14, Youngstown, O., 15, 16, Akron 17, 18, Sandusky 20.

NICK ROBERTS' Military Band is now in Wellsville, Akron, O., Dec. 6, Meadville, Pa., 7, Oil City 8, Titusville 9, Olean, N. Y., 10, Bradford, Pa., 11, Toronto, Ont., 13, 14, Albany, N. Y., 17, 18.

THE BOSTON IDEAL COMPANY played a week's engagement in the Academy of Music, Buffalo, N. Y., commencing Nov. 29, to overflowing audiences. They open in Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 6, for one week. Leavitt's Specialty Company is billed for 6, 7, 8, and Tony Denier's Comedy Company for 9, 10, 11.....A series of Irish character-sketches, with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Osborne in leading parts, were given in St. Stephen's Hall Dec. 1, 2, 3, and matinee, in aid of the Catholic Orphan Asylum.

FOR THE FOSTER FAMILY COMBINATION, supporting Pearl Seymour, a juvenile-man is wanted. See W. B. Porter's advertisement.

IN THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Reading, Pa., Nov. 27, Charlotte Thompson appeared in "Miss Planter's Wife" to fair business. "Woman's Faith" was produced Dec. 1 to light business. Miss Agnes Leonard, who had been taken ill in Lancaster, did not appear. The performance, owing to the necessary hasty changes, was unsatisfactory. Next attractions are Charlotte Thompson 7 (return), Wilhelmj 9, "Long Branch" 14, Kate Thayer 17.

"PEN ON THE BRISTOL" was first seen in Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 29 and 30, and will be the Opera-house to a liberal attendance. Mary Anderson begins Dec. 6 for one week, and is to be followed by Nat Goodwin's Frolioues.....Charlotte Thompson and company appeared in Library Hall Nov. 26 in "The Planter's Wife," which was produced 30, Dec. 1, 2, 4. "East Lynne" was given for a special matinee Dec. 1, and attracted a large audience. Miss Thompson was tendered a complimentary benefit, when Miss Marion Elmore presented, and "Jane Eyre" was given for the matinee 4. Rossini's "Stabat Mater" will be produced Dec. 6 by the Pittsburg Gounod Club, and the "Pirates of Penzance" will be given 7, 8.....Harry Elsler returned home Dec. 2.

CATHERINE LEWIS appeared in "Long Branch" at Ford's Opera-house, Baltimore, Md., the past week, to only fair business, and the piece failed to score a success, our correspondent says, for want of rehearsals. The business, and in many instances the lines, were almost wholly overlooked or forgotten, and there are broad spots in the piece which almost touch vulgarity. Frequent prodications will, however, be made to render objection eliminated. Fanny Davenport opens 6.....The Pirates of Penzance drew large audiences to the Holliday-street Theatre, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Chanfrau open 6.....Rose Eytinge supported by Cyril Searle and company, is announced to occupy the Academy the coming week of 6.

MAUD GRANGER and company gave nine performances of "Two Nights in Rome" to moderate attendance in the Opera-house, St. Louis, Mo., during the past week and was to have given an extra performance to-day.....The Emma Abbot Opera Company open 6, and "A False Friend" Combination in the Olympic Theatre the same date.....Around the World" attracted full houses to Pope's Theatre, and is to be acted another week. The play is put on in grand style, both as regards scenery and people, and the dramatic business is in good hands. Mrs. Scott-Siddons appears 6.

MR. AND MRS. G. C. HOWARD did fairly in the Leland Opera-house, Albany, N. Y., Nov. 29, 30 and Dec. 1 with "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Minnie Palmer's "Boarding-school" Combination filled out the week to light houses.....Haverly's Minstrels in "Photos" did a good business in Martin Hall Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1. Our correspondent says: "This company gave better satisfaction than all others of its kind that have appeared here. Wy Dartner' was the attraction the rest of the week, and drew moderate-sized audiences.....J. B. Polk in 'A Gentleman from Nevada' was seen at Tweddle Hall 2, 3, 4. Mr. Polk left an excellent impression with the few who witnessed his assumption of Gall. W. T. Melville, who does the Chinaman, gave the best specimen of the stage Celestial that we have yet seen.....M. B. Curtis is to appear in 'Sam'l of Posen' in the Leland Opera-house 9, 10, 11.....James Ryan, property man at Martin Hall, was severely injured Nov. 30 by the premature discharge of a gun. Manager Stanley of the Harrison Combination has raised nearly $50 for the injured man—a very creditable sum, considering the size of the combinati n."

J. B. POLK and company in "A Gentleman from Nevada" drew fair audiences to the Griswold Opera-house, Troy, N. Y., Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1. The next dates are Aldrich and Parsloe in "My Partner" 6, 7, 8, Willie Edouin's Sparkling Gems 9, 10, 11. At Rand's Opera-house the Harrisons in "Photos" drew a good business 3, 4. Mineo's "Humpty Dumpty" is billed for 6.

ANNIE WARD TIFFANY is billed to appear in the Park Theatre, Newark, N. J., Dec. 9, 10, 11.....At the Grand Opera-house Chanfrau appeared in "Kit" 1, 2, to light business.

THE CORINNE MERRYMAKERS continued their entertainment at the Grand Opera-house, Toronto, Ont., Nov. 29, 30, and Dec. 1, before large and well-pleased audiences. Edouin's "Pinafore Sparks" Combination opened 2, for three nights and matinee. Business large. "All the Rage" is announced for four nights, commencing 8.

TONY DENIER'S "HUMPTY DUMPTY" Co. is the attraction at the Academy of Music, Cleveland, O., Dec. 7, 8, and Mr. and Mrs. George S. Knight 9, 10, 11. J. H. Dobbins has completed negotiations for Mr. Knight to produce Dec. 11, for the first time on any stage, Bronson Howard's new play, entitled "Baron Rudolph.".....A. C. Abrams will hereafter fill the position of assistant treasurer at the Academy.....Nat Goodwin and company play in the Opera-house week 6, and "Fun on the Bristol" comes the following week.

A HEAVY MAN, a first old man and musicians are wanted by S. B. McElreth, whose address find in another column.

A COPY of the pantomime of "Humpty Dumpty" is wanted by F. H. C., who advertises.

THE AGNES WALLACE-VILLA COMBINATION played in New Harmony, Ind., Nov. 29, 30, Princeton Dec. 1, 2, Petersburg 3, 4, and are due in Washington 6, 7, Spencer 8, 9.

IN SYRACUSE, N. Y., Joseph Jefferson and company presented "The Rivals" at the Grand Opera-house Dec. 1 to an overflowing house. Willie Edouin's Combination are billed 6, 7, Rowan's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Troupe 9, Aldrich & Parsloe in "My Partner" 11, 12.

AT THE CRITERION THEATRE, Minneapolis, Minn., "The Octoroon" was acted Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1. Miss Phœa McAllister doing admirable work in the title role.

MR. AND MRS. E. A. MCDOWELL, Mark Abjon and D. Ryan of the McDowell company sailed for Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 25, to prepare for the opening of their new theatre there. They expect to be back Dec. 9: Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Campbell, Felix J. Morris, J. H. Gilmour, Charles Arnold, J. H. Stuart, F. D. White, Harry Reeves, Miss Florence Wood, Mary Leece, Caroline Vinton, Annie Russell and Master Russell.

A. W. MAFLIN has been secured by M. B. Leavitt as stage-manager for his Opera-burlesque Company.

TONY DENIER'S company is billed in Meadville, Pa., Dec. 13, Youngstown, O., 14, Newcastle 15 Steubenville 16, Newark 17, Zanesville 18, Cincinnati 20.

MINNIE PALMER'S "BOARDING-SCHOOL" is to be kept in Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 6, 7, 8, Erie, Pa., 9, Sandusky, O., 10, Ypsilanti, Mich., 11, Jackson 13, Battle Creek 14, Ann Arbor 15, Detroit 16, 17, 18.

HENRY WATSON left the Tourists Nov. 27, and has been succeeded by John Gilbert.

MUSICAL.

"ALADDIN" was presented at the Royal Opera-house, Toronto, Ont., Dec. 2, 3, 4, by the Toronto Juvenile-opera Company, composed of children of less than ten years of age. The piece was admirably presented, the acting being quite satisfactory. The performances were given for the benefit of local charities.....The Ideal Opera Company appear at the Grand Dec. 6, 7.....Careno, pianist, is announced at Shaftesbury Hall for Dec. 6.

PROF. CARL BARNS had a benefit at Music Hall, Cincinnati, Nov. 29, at which Theodore Thomas acted as conductor. The attendance was good.

THE GAUL FAMILY gave a concert at Music Hall, Cincinnati, Dec. 2, which was well attended.

PROF. PUCHRINGER'S opera "The Poor Orphan" received its first production at the Academy of Music, Cleveland, O., Nov. 29, by a company of juvenile performers, and was repeated 30 and Dec. 1, to a moderate attendance .....The Rionda Concert Company occupy Case Hall 7, and the Cleveland Vocal Society 9.....The Zither Club concertize 10.

A DOUBLE BASS or second-violin player, who is also a good ballroom prompter, can secure an engagement by addressing A. G. Thornton, as per advertisement.

R. E. J. MILES' COMIC-OPERA COMPANY is the name of a new organization, consisting of Louise Manfred, Jennie Tanner, Minnie Mason, Messrs. Harold, Allinson, Budnar, Packard and Lewis. They will produce a musical comedy called "That Awful Child," opening about Dec. 20 in Lexington, Ky.

AT MACAULEY'S THEATRE, Louisville, Ky., the Emma Abbott Opera Company played an engagement of eight performances, closing Dec. 4, to, says our correspondent, "the largest business that has been done here for years. The repertory comprised 'Maritana,' 'Bohemian Girl,' 'Carmen,' 'Lucia,' 'Fra Diavolo,' 'Romeo and Juliet,' 'Faust and Marguerite,' and 'Martha.' The receipts published in one of our daily papers that Mrs. Seguin would leave the company at the close of their engagement here is entirely without foundation. The very best of feeling prevails between the lady and Miss Abbott, and no withdrawal is contemplated."

THE EMMA ABBOTT OPERA COMPANY play in St. Louis, Mo., this week, Peoria, Ill., 13, 14, Galesburg 15, Keokuk, Ia., 16, Burlington 17, Des Moines 18, St. Paul, Minn., 20, 21, 22, Minneapolis 23, 24, 25.

AN ORCHESTRA LEADER is wanted for the Bonnie Meyer's Combination. Address as per advertisement, and Prof. Fred Steubgren is requested to write.

MUSICAL MATTERS IN BOSTON, MASS., are thus reported by our correspondent: "The Emma Abbott English Opera Company gave a very creditable representation of 'Fatinitza' to the Gaiety Theatre the past week to only fair-sized audience. The leading roles are assigned to Miss Gaylord-ther, who personated Vladimir; Lina Loraine, Princess Lydia; Henry Molten, Julian Hardy; Harry Haskell, Izzet Pasha; W. A. Hudson, Count Kantschukoff; and H. F. Dixey, Mustapha. These artist were assisted by a good chorus and an orchestra directed by Wm. E. White.....The Apollo Club repeated the programme given at their first concert in Music Hall Nov. 29 with the added assistance of Alfred De Leve, a Canadian violinist.....Thos. F. Whyte was given a benefit concert in Berkeley Hall 30, at which his sister (Mrs. Frank Hollis), the Ryerson Family, the Highland Ladies' Quartet, and Annie Murray, accompanist, assisted.....A final performance of 'La Damnation de Faust' was given under the direction of B. J. Lang in Tremont Temple 30.....The Enterpe opened their concert season in the Meionaon Dec. 1, with Bernhard Listemann, first violin; Fritz Listemann, second violin; John C. Mullaly, viola; and Alex. Heindl, violoncello. Two concerts were given in Tremont Temple afternoon of 1 and evening of 4 by the original Fisk Jubilee Singers, increased in number to eleven.....The Harvard Musical Association continued their series of instrumental concerts in Music Hall afternoon of 2, with the assistance of MAX PINNER, pianist. The Cecilia Society Jubilee Choir appeared 30, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society in their parlors 2. The lighting of Music Hall stage has been notably improved by the substitution of gas for kerosene burners in place of the former chandeliers, much to the relief of singers and auditors.....The third Philharmonic concert, under the direction of CARL ZERRAHN, was given in Music Hall 3, with aid from Fanny Louise Barnes, soprano, and William H. Sherwood, pianist. The Kneisel Quartet gave a complimentary concert at Wulf Fries, the veteran violoncellist, by the attendance of a large and fashionable audience at the testimonial given him by the Beethoven Society in Chickering Hall 4. The artists volunteering were Mrs. E. Humphrey Allen, W. J. Winch, B. J. Lang, Arthur W. Foote, Leon Keach and the Beethoven Club. The success was the most brilliant concert given by the Colored Ideal Musical Combination in the Park Theatre that a second and last was announced for 5 by the Rev. Mr. Pendleton. A similar concert was to have been given in the Boston Theatre 5 by the Boston Cadet Band, led by Thomas Baldwin, the Swedish Lady Singers, Miss Kate Field, Edward Schuberth & Cary, and Leon Keach.....The last concert in the Robert Lyceum Course is to occur in Music Hall 7, the artists being Clara Louise Kellogg, Miss Fenella Gaines, Mrs. H. K. Knowles, William C. Tower and Walter Emerson.....The complimentary concert to the veteran musical critic and editor, John S. Dwight, will take place in Music Hall afternoon of 9.....Henrietta Middlekauff, pianist, and H. W. Fisher, vocalist, appear in a classical programme in Wesleyan Hall after the Conservatory concert 9.....Festival of A. W. Swan is to be given in Tremont Temple afternoon of 10.....A series of twelve Sunday concerts are to be given by Brevoort Fries, the violoncellist, in Gaiety Theatre, commencing 12, with Mrs. Juliet Fenderson Lloyd and Jeanette Howell as the first solo artists.....The Germania Musical Society will give a concert in Tremont Temple 20."

IN HAVANA, CUBA, Grau's French Opera-louffe Company and an Italian troupe are making things howl.

BANJO and guitar instruction-books and instruments can be purchased of Geo. A. Dobson, 90 Nassau street.

H. C. Dempsey has just issued a new price-list of banjos, instruction-books, etc. He advertises his new patent open-back banjo in our advertising columns.

KATE THAYER'S CONCERT COMPANY are to give entertainments in Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 6, Albany 7, Troy 8, Watervliet 9, Amsterdam 10, Utica 11.

THE BERGEN FAMILY CONCERT TROUPE are to perform in Streator, Ill., Dec. 6, Pontiac 7, Bloomington 8, Decatur 9, Effingham 10, Centralia 11, Belleville 13, 14. The entire company, at the invitation of the manager, visited Chicago, Ill., and witnessed the performance of "Edgewood Folly" by Sol. Smith Russell's Company, saying that the company publish a card of thanks in our business department.

THE MCGINNEY FAMILY CONCERT COMPANY, under the management of Frank Edouin, are booked as follows: Rochester, Mass., Dec. 6, 7, Johnstown 8, 9, Fort Plain 10, Little Falls 11, 12, Ilion 13, 14, Utica 15, 16.

THE MCGINNEY FAMILY COMPANY are billed in Pana, Ill., Dec. 6, Ramsey 7, Vandalia 8, Sandoval 9, Richview 10, Ashley 11.

J. M. SPRAGUE'S CHALLENGE to banjo-makers is accepted by MESSRS. Fairbanks & Cole, who publish particulars in our business department.

MISS HELEN ADELAIDE WHITE, Winchester, Mass., a young pianist recently returned from her studies in Stuttgart, Germany, made an appearance in Harmony Hall, Winchester, Dec. 1.

BENNETT & MOULTON'S JUVENILE-OPERA COMPANY sing in Fall River Mass., Dec. 6, 7, 8, Bristol, R. I., 9, Warren 10, Newport 11.

THE SOLDENE OPERA COMPANY perform in Springfield, Mass., Dec. 6, Worcester 7, New Bedford 8 Providence, R. I., 9, 10, Fall River, Mass., 13, Hartford, Ct., 15 16, New Haven 17, 18.

"BOCCACCIO" will be sung by Mahn's Comic-opera Company in Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6, Harrisburg 7, Reading 8, Springfield 9, Worcester 10, 11, Salem 13, Lawrence 14, Concord, N. H., 15, Manchester 16, Portland, Me., 17, 18.

THE FLORENCE OPERA COMPANY, which is the successor of a course of concerts to be given in Sanders' Theatre, Cambridge, Mass., during the present season.

PROFESSOR C. P. BACH will give a series of five chamber concerts in Cash bridge, Mass., Dec. 9

"THE SOLDIER'S DREAM" will be sung in Medford, Mass., Dec. 15, by Mrs. Flora E. Barry, Miss Mulle, Percy J. J. Cooper and Monroe Graham.

IN PHILADELPHIA, Mrs. Augustus Victor Benham, gave a pianoforte recital of the compositions of Chopin at City Institute Hall Dec. 2, the programme being interspersed with select readings by Emma Billstein.....The pupils of Miss Seller's School of Vocal Art will concertize at Music Hall Dec. 13.

ENGLISH OPERA, interpreted by the Strakosch & Hess Company, continued to attract large audiences to the Academy of Music, Chicago, Ill., during the past week ending Dec 4. "Mefistofele" was sung Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 2, and it was announced for afternoon of 4, but, through unexplained circumstances, was not given at the last moment to "Faust," "Il Trovatore" was given Dec. 1, "Carmen" 3 for the benefit of Marie Roze, with that lady in the title-role, and "Martha" 4.

J. FRED ZIMMERMAN'S JUVENILE-OPERA COMPANY opened at the Park Theatre, Philadelphia, Nov. 29, in "Pinafore," with Miss Pope's Theatre, as and is to be acted another week. The play is put on in grand style, both as regards scenery and people, and the dramatic business is in good hands. Mrs. Scott-Siddons appears 6.

THE WILHELMJ STERNBERG-FRITCH CONCERT at Lincoln Hall, Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, was largely attended. The consolidated companies of Rive-King and Donaldi Rummel appeared in concert 3. The honors were carried off by Signor Scalchi, Mrs. Rive-King, Herbert Werrenrath, Herr Richter and Mr. Lichtenberg, and the pianist Mr ROMMEL Several of the artists advertised did not appear. Attendance large.

THE BERGER FAMILY COMPANY is due in Cairo, Ill. (second visit) Dec. 12, Jackson, Tenn., 13, Selby 14, Memphis, 15, Marie Geist, Mme. Chatterton-Bohrer, Signor Campanini, Signor Del Puente, Mlle. Belocca and Miss Fanny Kellogg, Madame Scalchi and Italian opera company, are booked for a full house.....Mefistofele" is announced for Dec. 9

At the Waverly Theatre "Pinafore" was sung all the week to good business and delighted audiences. The Philharmonic concert occurs afternoon of 17 at the Academy, and a concert is to be given 11 by the grenadier band of the 8th Regiment, assisted by a number of Henrietta Beebe, Mrs. Louise Fitch Hardenbergh and Messrs Aiken and Woodruff.....The first concert of the new Brooklyn Vocal Society is to take place at the Waverly Theatre.

THE OAKES BROS.' CONCERT COMPANY passed Sunday, Dec. 5, in Mount Carmel. They recently returned East from the Red River country, where they are reported to have done an exceptionally large business.

J. M. STRAUB & CO. have forwarded a variety of arrangements from the opera of "The Pirates of Penzance." The complete score, songs, pot-pourri, etc., are in the list. See card.

WARNER'S IDEAL BABY-OPERA COMPANY, which played in Meadville, Pa., Dec 2, in "Patinitza" to large audience, is booked in Bradford, Pa., Dec. 6, 7, Niles 8, Massillon 9, Canton 10, Akron 11.

THE KATE THAYER CONCERT COMPANY sang in St. James' Hall, Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 29, to a slim audience.

F. H. PALMER, cornetist, wants an engagement in band and orchestra, and as soloist. See card. He has been travelling with Arbuckle's Military Band and Haverly's New York Mastodon Show as leader.

VARIETY HALLS.

SATSUMA, Japanese equilibrist and juggler, advertises that his services are disengaged after Jan. 24, 1881.

VOCAL TALENT is wanted at the Atlantic Garden, Fort Wayne, Ind. See card.

BUSINESS RULED LARGE at the Coliseum, Detroit, Mich., where on Nov. 29 came Julia Wilcott, Manchester and Liverpool circles, Mack Gleason, R. M. Carroll and sons, Elise Kruger, and Fanny Herring in "Little Buckshot." All closed 4. Oliver Doud Byron comes 6, and furnishes the entire programme with "Across the Continent."

AT THE ALHAMBRA, Philadelphia, the past week, the cream of fun was ladled out to many by Kitty Norton, Price Brothers, Emma Rice, Chas. Young, Geo. Edwards, Maurice Heppard, Jos. Hunter and Fred Williams. Business good. Departures: Bob Manchester and Webster Brothers—Fanny Prestige, and Lon Edwards. Announced for Dec. 6: Pechino Brothers, Brock and O'Connor, Foreman and MARKS, and Luke Rivers.

THE STARLITE COMIQUE, Washington, D. C., did the largest business of all the theatres there during the past week. The new appearances Nov. 29 were the Vidocqs, Allen and Hart, Maude Leigh, Cardello and Victorelli, Lizzie Parker, John and Lottie Burton, and John and Louis Wesley. All departed Dec. 4, save the Wesleys. Announced for Dec. 6: E. T. Goodrich, the Comedy Quartet, Thompson and Brock, the Budworths, the Nelsons, "Clever" Carroll and Andy Collom.

AT THE CENTENNIAL THEATRE, St. Louis, Mo., the company for the past and the present week includes Mlle. Le Etta, Louisa Garland, May Edwards, Estelle, Lena Barron, Emma Jerome, Aggie Floyd, Ella Taylor, C. G. Mathews, Frank Edwards, Gus Peters, Frank Cummings, Ocie Hall, Roselle, Master Willie, and A. W. Hundy.

L. W. WASHBURN'S SHOW is due in Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 7, Washington, N. J., 8, Hackettstown 9, Morristown 10, Dover 11, Boonton 13, Paterson 14, Charley Austin and dogs and Frank Hartsell, gymnasts, joined in Hazleton, Pa., Nov. 30.

LITTLE VENUS can be engaged for the next tenting season to give her specialities, including an act upon the invisible

BASEBALL.

THE BATTING OF 1880.

At the close of every season the first thing that the club-managers and the stock-company directors attend to is to consult the batting averages of the season to find out who are the best batsmen, with a view of getting together the best batting team they can for the ensuing season's campaign. They take the figures as made up by "the official scorer"—whoever he may be—and they form their conclusions on the basis of those figures without giving the least attention to an analysis of the work they are supposed to indicate or to the why and wherefore of such results. There are probably no more erroneous data on which to estimate a player's skill than the batting and fielding averages as at present made out. Everyone knows that each season's averages award to the first basemen the highest figures of the year's record, though in reality he has the least important work of the infield play to attend to, and in the batting averages the palm is invariably given not to the player who had really done the most serviceable work of the season in playing the best for the side, but to him who has worked the most for his own individual record. Until a system of averages is adopted which will do justice to the class of batsmen who sacrifice their individual record in order to play for the side, the season's averages, as now made out, will continue to be erroneous data. There is considerable of the element of chance in the scoring of figures which go to make up a batsman's averages. It may happen that his longest scores are made against poor pitchers, or against good pitchers happening to be badly supported in a match; and this very batsman may, in the one or two important games in which true batting skill is needed for a successful issue, fail to score a single base-hit. The inherent weakness of the former is covered up by his success in the exceptional games, while the real skill of the latter is lost sight of by the larger showing of the more fortunate batsman. Of course, when there is a great difference in the figures of the averages of two batsmen, such as one scoring an average of three base-hits to a game and another less than one, the averages then show to some extent the relative strength of the players; but, as a general rule, the figures of the averages are not sufficiently descriptive of the relative play of the batsmen to be depended upon as a certain criterion of skill, such as are earned runs, as showing the effectiveness of a pitcher's delivery. We would not mind wagering that a nine made up of the men having the nine highest batting averages of the season would be easily beaten by a nine having the poorest batting figures, provided the latter could be shown to have done their batting entirely for the side, and not for their own record. There are too many contingencies affecting the score of a batsman to adopt the ordinary system of making batting averages a criterion of a player's real skill in handling his bat. One good hitter may be a poor runner, and a poor hitter may be a good runner; and of course a hit that would yield the former an out would give the latter his base. Then a heavy hitter may be in the habit of hitting long but high balls to the outer field, thereby giving chances which bad generalship in the field fail to take advantage of, while another long-hitter may make telling ground-balls which only yield half the number of bases that the badly-hit high-ball yields. Then there are batsmen who do not know how to wait for good balls and who get chance hits on the start, while those skillful enough to wait only get bases on called balls. In fact, there are dozens of things of this kind going to make up or mar skillful batting which the existing system of averages takes no cognizance of. One might just as well select a fielding nine by the figures of the highest averages, under the delusive idea that such a team would be the strongest, as to select the batsmen under the existing rule of the best averages.

Batting skill in baseball has not increased in the relative proportion that fielding skill has. Some of the poorest batting we saw last season was that exhibited by the teams of the two clubs which stand first and second on the list this season, and that was in the sixteen-inning tie-game at Providence last June. Their fielding was up to the mark, but their batting was not. "How do you account for this?" To us the reason is very plain. There is nothing to check the advancement of fielding skill; the rules of the game give full play to improvement in fielding the ball, but in the batting it is entirely different. Under the existing rule, the batsman is too cramped in his position to admit of a development of skill at the bat in proportion to that offered in the field. The batsman is too much at the mercy of the pitcher. In fact, it is surprising that batsmen do as well as they do under the rules governing the batsman's position. Unthinking writers, inexperienced in the study of cause and effect in the working of the rules of the game, call for a livelier ball to improve the batting, forgetting that the cure in question would be more fatal than the disease. A livelier ball might give larger scores, but it would be death to good fielding. No; that is not the trouble. It is that batsmen do not now stand on an even footing with the pitcher; in other words, the powers of the attack are even greater than those of the defense. As the rule governing the batting now is, the batsman is only allowed four balls to play at, while the pitcher is allowed eight. That is, while the batsman can only let four good balls pass him before being given out on strikes, the pitcher can send in eight or more balls before being punished by the batsman having his base given him on called balls. This is a rule which is two to one in favor of the pitching. The best season batsmen have had to face the most effective pitching, backed by the finest field support known in any season's history of the game, and the average of base-hits made against such powerful battery-work shows what the batsmen could do were they allowed to bat under a more equitable rule. Standing back of the home-base and watching the pitching and batting of a match game in which the best of batteries is at work against the batting, the wonder is that one base-hit is made by the batsman where half a dozen are scored. The speed of the ball, for one thing, necessitates a keen eye and quick judgment, and this is added to by the curve of the delivery. When, in addition to this, the batsman has to avoid the ball when unfairly delivered and to be ready to hit it when it comes over the plate is considered, it will be seen that batting involves faculties of nerve, sight and quick judgment which few batsmen possess. With such forces to fight against with the bat, it becomes absolutely necessary that the batsman should have greater freedom of action than he now has, and this can only be afforded by allowing him to let a greater number of fair balls pass him without being obliged to hit them. Certainly, he ought to be allowed the same number of fair balls as the pitcher has of unfair balls.

A feature of the past season's play at the bat has been the increase in right-hitting. More attention, too, has been paid to the important essential of facing for the hit—that is, in standing in such a position as to face a certain base so as to hit to the right, the centre, or the left, as occasion may require. Time and again last season did we see batsmen who knew nothing about headwork in their batting go to the bat when a runner was on first base and face for a left-field hit—standing so that the natural swing of the bat would bring it to face the ball and send it to the left—when the striker should have faced for first base, so as to make a right-field hit. Then, again, just as often did we see batsmen take their position ready for a particular ball, and when the ball had passed them—not being the one they wanted—they would tumble out of form, and, not being ready for the good ball, which, of course, was sent in over the plate when they were not ready to hit, a strike would be called. The fact was that not one in ten of the batsmen of last season handled their bats with that degree of skill which at one and the same time prepares him to face correctly for the hit, to be always ready for a fair ball, and to be able to wait for such a ball until it comes. We saw some excellent batting done in the Metropolitan games which told finely on the score, but was not of that showy character which takes with the crowd. A very striking illustration of the difference between skillful hitting and batting for mere applause was shown in the batting of Walker and Pike in the Metropolitan contests of October. Both these batsmen go in on the principle of a home run or nothing, and the result in the games we refer to was nothing as a general thing, for Pike made but two base-hits out of twenty times at the bat, and Walker even fewer. There is one thing that ought to be a feature of the scoring rules next season, and that is giving a man credit for a sacrifice-hit that yields a run. If there is a runner on third base, with but one man out, and the batsman by his hit to the field—either to a short grounder to right short-field or a long fly-ball to the outer field which is caught—enables the runner to come home, though the batsman is thereby put out, such a hit ought to be credited the same as a base-hit, for it yields just as much. As it is, the not giving such credit spoils a batsman's record, and this acts as reason for his not "playing for the side" by making such a hit. Batsmen have a great deal to learn yet in handling the ash skillfully before they can even reach a high place on that which Belding now stands. The fielders are "all right up to the present time," but the batsmen are behind. With a more equitable rule as between the batting and pitching, there would be better opportunities for improved batting. Until this is done, however, the batting of 1880 is not likely to be improved.

FOOTBALL.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP DISPUTE.

The question before the house in the football arena at present is the rival claims of Yale and Princeton for the championship. In the record of games played by the two teams with Association clubs, Yale leads by two victories and a draw against Princeton's one victory and a draw, and in the record of goals and touchdowns scored Yale has decidedly the better of it. Even granting the right of forfeit claimed by Princeton against Columbia—a claim still in abeyance, to be settled at the Association meeting—Princeton's record would only then equal Yale's by one won game and one forfeit, with a draw, to Yale's two absolute victories and a draw. In regard to the claim advanced by Princeton on the grounds of their not having been defeated since they won the championship in 1879, the fact is that the championship of that year was under the rule of fifteen men. Yale won the last championship game, in which eleven played against eleven. One result of the past season's experience will be the returning to the counting of safety-touchdowns as part of the score; otherwise the defensive game played by Princeton in their last match with Yale will mark every future contest, greatly to the loss of interest in the game. When an eleven is forced to touch-down for safety, they are placed in a position in which nothing but such safety-play would prevent their losing a touchdown. Why should not this play, therefore, count in the score? Goals and touchdowns may be regarded in the light of runs in baseball and cricket, and safety-touchdowns the same as "wides" and "byes" in cricket, and runs on called balls in baseball; and they should be counted as part of the score in every match, so that, in case neither side is able to score a goal or a touchdown, the contest may be decided by the fewest touchdowns for safety scored by either side. In reference to the claim of forfeit made by Princeton from Columbia, it should be plainly understood in the Association rules that both rain and snow should be sufficient cause to defer a match to a fine day. Columbia has challenged Princeton to play the game which was not played on that rainy Saturday when Columbia went as far as Newark on their way to Princeton. Yale's challenge to Princeton to play them on any fine day, even on Princeton's ground, is one Princeton cannot well decline. There is one thing certain: the Association rules governing the championship question need revision.

THE RING.

SHORT BUT SHARP GLOVE-CONTEST.

Some time ago an agreement was entered into between Frank White and Peter McCarthy to fight for a purse, with small gloves. The projected encounter was kept very quiet, only a few persons being entrusted with the secret which it was important that the authorities should not become acquainted with. Tuesday evening was the time fixed for the pugilistic settlement, and the locale was a room on the west side of this city, in which at the hour of commencing about one hundred of those who were wealthy enough to pay the admission-fee demanded, five dollars, were assembled, the gathering including a number of gentlemen well known in fashionable society, and some to whom club-life is not familiar. The contestants had previously repeatedly figured in passages-at-arms, both with and without gloves, and had once before, in January, 1879, encountered each other in a room, White on that occasion coming off victorious, after fighting four rounds in sixteen minutes. The latter is 25 years old, 5 feet 4½ inches in height, and weighed 113½ lb. In addition to the fight above alluded to, he has beaten Jimmy Kelly and been beaten by him, beat Jack Leonard twice, in a room and on the turf, and scored a victory over Burt Gaffney. McCarthy is two years the junior of his antagonist, 5ft. 5in. in height, and weighed nearly fourteen pounds more. He had previously fought McLaughlin, White and Nash. Like his opponent, he is well known to the patrons of sparring entertainments, frequently figuring on the stage, and always with credit to himself. It was stipulated in the agreement between them that the contest should be governed by the Queensberry rules for endurance, each round to occupy no more nor less than three minutes, with one minute between rounds for rest, and wrestling to be prohibited. Of the two, White showed in the best fettle. He was waited on by Warry Edwards and Sam Blake, while Jimmy McGrath and Jack Stewart attended to the wants of McCarthy. The men did not waste much time in unnecessary sparring, but got to work quickly, and, although only seven rounds were contested in less than a half hour, they were so much in earnest that considerable execution was done, considering the comparatively brief period they were engaged. During the first half the milling was about even, but after the fourth round White had got his man down to his own weight, and then he began to go ahead, fighting McCarthy down in the next round, and having the best of the hitting thereafter. In the seventh round Frank went in to finish matters, and, being now much the stronger of the twain and chockful of fight, he had McCarthy completely at his mercy, the latter being utterly unable to withstand White's savage onslaughts, and after being forced off his feet was sent up time after time only to be again sent spinning. After this round it was seen that all the fight had been knocked out of Mac, who couldn't be got upon his feet when time was called for the eighth round, whereupon the referee declared White the winner. Frank had also gained the verdict of first blood in the second round. From first to last it was an out-and-out slugging affair, neither man seeking to display any scientific movements—something which neither can lay claim to in an extraordinary degree, by the way—but aiming only at firing as many hot shot into the enemy's tender spots as possible. Each was willing to receive, if by so doing he could get in effectively give, and both proved themselves plucky lads and fully deserving of the commendatory remarks made by the well-pleased spectators. This fight has raised White still higher in the estimation of all who admire courage and resoluteness of purpose.

BOXING IN NEW JERSEY.—There were two friendly set-tos with gloves at the "White House," Newark, N. J., Nov. 30. The first was between Joe Foote of Orange and Dick Burns of Newark, in which considerable science was shown and sharp hitting indulged in, resulting in favor of Burns. The other "meet" was between "Tony" of Newark and Frank Lymans, who punished one another severely. They stuck to science during the first two rounds, but the third and last was a rough-and-tumble affair, in which Lymans received more than he expected.

THE GAME OF CHESS.

To Correspondents.

BRO. ALLEN.—The great picture reached us in perfect order, and is highly prized; many thanks for your pains.

P. H. CURTISS, Corinville, Utah.—The new contributor, judging by specimen, we shall prize highly; accept thanks for your own contributions and ever-welcome solutions and criticisms.

HARRY E. PRATT, Salt Lake City.—Your credentials and this beautiful specimen of your skill insure your hearty welcome to our long roll.

F. B. PERLEN.—Thanks, as always, for solutions and remarks; your own problem seems sound, and will appear; is it a first attempt?

F. H. C. (second letter).—Some copies of Enigma 1,242 must have blurred in printing; we have again examined, and find it even correctly, and your (and others) defeating move of Black 2 Q Q8 to K +, impossible.

GEO. E. CARPENTER.—One liberal instalment sent, and another like unto it is well advanced.

J. V. H., M. D.—Both Nos. 1,246 right.

HERR H. MEYER.—We submit to your inspection Mr. Curtiss' method of unspilling Herr Kondehk's revision of his seven-move dedication soimate.

CHESS-STEALING.—We have had some pretty impudent specimens in this country, but the imposition recently practiced on the Italian chess magazine *La Nuova Rivista degli Scacchi* has well been stigmatized as "almost Dantonesque audacity." Three successive sets of two problems each were sent to its problem tourney by every one of which, it has since been proven, was stolen bodily from issues covering five months only of *Illustrated London News* for 1880. The problems are attributed three and four mevers; and the real authors, in succession, are W. S. Pavitt, W. Geary, R. Robson, B. A., A. Dendrino, W. S. Pavitt, and B. Evans—a list which has unearthed as a theft from Herr Georg Mehrtens, of 1868 or '62.

CALCUTTA VS. LIVERPOOL.—This thoroughly interesting match is actually under way, several moves having been already exchanged by cable. The subscriber was invested by a member of the Liverpool C. C., and they talk about playing the match out in three months or so! There is no stimulant like a stake at issue, and there are no formal, cast-iron rules. The Calcutta players are two Englishmen—one of them Mr. Steel, formerly of Liverpool—and two native players, the final decision of Liverpool's moves being vested in a committee of seven.

A. ROSENBAUM, an artist of London, has just completed and exhibited an ideal chess painting, six by four feet, presenting forty-six portraits of well-known players, artistically grouped. The picture is the labor of three years, at an actual cost of £100. "Autotype-process" of three grades are to be issued. Forty of the first-class, 25s 11in, are to be published at £3 3s., with a tree ticket, which, when all are sold, entitles the forty to raffle for the possession of the great painting itself. For the general public copies are at £2 2s., £1 1s., and 5s.

Solution of Enigma No. 1,247.

BY F. N. CURTISS.

Black.	White.	Black.	White.
1..R moves	K to K 6	P to Q B 4	K to B 3
2..R—Q sq	P—Q 4	6..B x R	*dis. ch.*
3..R—R 5	B x K (a)	7..R—R 7 + +	K—K t sq
4..R—R 7 +	K—R sq		

(a) If Black 3..K to R 2; 4..R to K t 6, etc., and mates on the seventh move. Black's first and second moves are his best, and there are but few variations that will occupy eight moves. (Mr. C.'s solutions of Nos. 1,245 were not received till after they had been sent to press.)

DP PROBLEM No. 1,267.—*Q. Q. Gazette.* 2..R x E + K to K t sq, *best*; 3..B to B 4 +, R inter; 4..R to K 8 +, K to K t 2; 5..K mates..... Of Enigma 1,248.—Most complete by "J. V. H., M. D.," Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, fine and elaborate. Of Problem 1,248.—1..Q x Q P, P x Q, *best*; 2..B to Q 7 +, and 3..P *dis.* +, mate. Those who are a "leedle oud" on Enigma 1,242 can now straighten up.

Enigma No. 1,251.
From Nordiske Skakproblemer.
BY ALFRED ARNELL, SWEDEN.

White to play and give mate in five moves.

Problem No. 1,251.
BY GEO. E. CARPENTER.
BLACK.

WHITE.
White to play and give mate in four moves.

Game No. 1,251,
by correspondence between Mr. Fisher of St. Johns, N. B., and our contributor Geo. R. Doak.

EVANS GAMBIT.

White. Mr. Fisher.	Black. Mr. Doak.	White. Mr. Fisher.	Black. Mr. Doak.
1..P to K 4	P to K 4	13..K Kt to R 4	P to Q Kt 4
2..K Kt—B 3	Q Kt—B 3	14..K B—Kt 3	Q B—Kt 2
3..K B—B 4	K B—B 4	15..K R—Q sq	Q R—Kt sq
4..Castles	P to Q 3	16..P x Q P	Q x P
5..P—Q Kt 4	K B x P	17..K R x Q	Q Kt x P
6..P—Q B 3	K B—R 4	18..K R—Q 2	K Kt—B 5
7..P—Q 4	Castles	19..B Kt—B 3	K B—B 3
8..Q P x P	K Kt x P	20..K R—K 2	Q R—Q sq
9..Q—B 3	K Kt—Q B 3	21..K R x R +	Q R x R
10..Q—her 5	K Kt—K 3	22..K—K sq	Q Kt x B
11..Q R—R 3	K R—K sq	23..Q Kt x Kt	K B x P
12..P—K Kt 3	P—Q R 3	24..Q Kt—B 7	K B x R,

and White's case is perfectly hopeless.

***The point illustrated anew by this little game is the importance of time in chess, and the necessity at once of promptitude, and of making such moves as the adversary cannot at once undo or turn to your discomfiture, in setting up an attack like the present.

Chess in Leipzig.

Herr J. Minckwitz, editor of *The Schachzeitung*, gives a student the odds of Q R.

KING'S KT'S GAMBIT.

Minckwitz.	O. P.	Minckwitz.	O. P.
1..P to K 4	P to K 4	12..K Kt x Kt!	Q B x Q
2..P—K B 4	K P x P	13..B x P +	K—B sq
3..K Kt—B 3	P—Q 3	14..R B x Kt *dis* +	K B—his 3
4..K B—B 4	Q B—Kt 5	15..Q B—his 3 +	Q—K 2 (c)
5..Q Kt—B 3	Q B x Kt	16..B x Q +	K—B sq
6..P—Q 4	K Kt—B 3	17..Q B x Q	Q B x B
7..Q B x P	K Kt—R 4	18..Q B x R	R P x R
8..Q—K 3	K B—K 2	19..P—K 5	K—K t sq
9..Castles	Q Kt—Q 2 (a)	20..R Kt x P +	K—his R 3
10..P—K 5 (b)	Q P x P (c)	21..P—R 4 (d),	and wins.
11..Q P x P	Q Kt x P (d)		

(a) A mistake; he should have castled.

(b) B x P +, now, would precipitate and ruin his attack.

(c) Better had been P to Q 4.

(d) Without going into all the details, the reader will be vastly amused at the soul-harrowing dance Herr studeious O. F. is now put through.

(e) A better fourteenth move for Black, but not a saving one, as is shown, was 14..K to Kt sq.

CHEQUERS.

ENIGMA No. 38, VOL. 28, DRAWABLE.—Two correspondents, Mr. Koon and "A Learner," costume the solution thus: Black 17 to 28, White 26 to 19, Black 5 to 9, and, as will be seen, the position is drawn.

To Correspondents.

G. H. POWELL, Cuttingsville.—Games returned by mail.

H. D. LYMAN, Washington.—Thank you for the analysis.

T. M. REDD, Washington.—See Position No. 38 for the "draw" in Game No. 32, Vol. 26.

W. J. SMITH, Deadwood.—On file for examination.

J. F. BALSOM, Hudson.—Attended to.

A. LEANDER (C. C. ?), Hartford.—1. You are quite correct. 2. This *faux setilen* it.

A. KOON, Wyant's Kill.—Your analysis is correct.

E. W. SPILLER, Brooklyn.—1. After a long absence you are cordially welcome. 2. Game is marked for early examination.

J. F. BALSOM, Hudson.—Received, and attended to.

C. F. BARKER, Cambridgeport.—Thanks for game, positions and good wishes.

N. SPAITH, Buffalo.—Many thanks.

T. M. REDD, Washington.—Can you not amend the position so that *three* men shall not be simultaneously exposed?

REMARKS ON GAME No. 36, Vol. 28.—J. P. Balsom writes thus: "At eighteenth move 1st Black play 10 to 15, 19 to 10, 17 to 14, 24 to 19, 15 to 24, 28 to 24, 20 to 27, 19 to 15, 11 to 15, 16 to 18, and Black can win."..... "At note a Mr. Hubbell gives. 8 to 11 as a draw. I should like to see the play. At note b, at twenty-eighth move, let Black play 23 to 31, and he has an easy win."

THE REED-BARKER MATCH.—Mr. Reed accepts, provided he is allowed $40 for expenses. The match to be for $250 a side, and to be played within sixty days after Nov. 30.

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ISAIAH BARKER writes thus regarding Position No. 35, Vol. 28: "I wish to state that this problem was sent with the firm belief that it had never appeared in print, as I had never seen anything like it."

WHO RESPONDS?—Our correspondent Elmer W. Spiller will play anyone in the "Maritime Provinces" five games by postal-cards "for the honor of the game"—T. Tierney or any others who may desire. Address care of McLaughlin, Groves & Loyd, 453 Water street, New York City.

OUR CORRESPONDENT J. P. Balsom writes thus: "I was mistaken about Game 19, Vol. 28. A thirty-fifth move I played 19 to 24, instead of 19 to 23, thereby losing for black. In Game 35, Vol. 28, at ninth move, White can force a win by 24 to 15, 10 to 19, * 14 to 10, 6 to 15, 18 to 4, and White wins. * 10 to 17 gives same result."

Game No. 38, Vol. 28.

Played at Cuttingsville, Vt., between G. H. Powell and N. H. Bailey of Rutland.

DOUBLE-CORNER.

Black. Mr. Powell.	White. Mr. Bailey.	Black. Mr. Powell.	White. Mr. Bailey.
1..9 to 14	22 to 17(a)	17..11 to 16	24 to 20
2..11 16	28 22	18..15 18 (c)	20 11
3..5 9	17 13	19..18 23	27 18
4..16 19	24 15	20..14 30	11 7
5..10 19	23 16	21..30 25	7 3
6..10 17	22 17	22..26 28	3 7
7..7 10	27 24	23..1 5	7 14
8..2 7	24 15	24..9 18	14 14
9..10 19	17 10	25..23 32	21 17
10..7 14	29 25	26..18 22	25 18
11..8 11	25 22	27..26 23	18 15
12..3 8	22 17	28..32 28	28 19
13..7 10	32 27	29..23 16	15 10
14..11 15	27 24	30..6 15	14 10
15..4 30	25(b) 31..16	11 17	14
16..8 11	31 27	Drawn.	

NOTES FOR STUDENTS, BY ED. D. D.—(a) 22 to 18 draws. See "American player." (b) Correct play is 17 to 13. Variation 1. (b) Carefully played on both sides. Neither player is to be caught napping. (c) Just in time.

Solution of Position No. 37, Vol. 28.

BY G. H. POWELL.

Black. Mr. Powell.	White. Amateurs.	Black. Mr. Powell.	White. Amateurs.
1..9 to 14	18 to 9	4..2 to 18	23 to 14
2..13 17	21 14	5..16 30	Mr. Powell won.
3..6 13	15 6	[Very neat "stroke ending."]	

Solution of Enigma No. 37, Vol. 28.

BY E. C. HUBBELL.

Black.	White.	Black.	White.
1..5 to 9	13 to 6	4..23 to 25	29 to 22
2..17 21	14	5..15 19	24 15
3..23 26	30 23	6..8 11	Black wins.

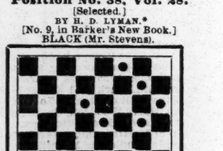
Enigma No. 38, Vol. 28.

BY J. MEAD JR.

Black men on 4, 13, 15, 22 and 23. Black King on 20.
White men on 6, 12, 30 and 31. Black Kings on 7 and 21.
Black to move and win.

Position No. 38, Vol. 28.

[Selected.]
BY D. LYMAN.*
(No. 9, in Barker's New Book.)
BLACK (Mr. Stevens).



WHITE (Mr. Redd).
4 Black to move and draw.

* This position arose between Messrs. Redd and Stevens in Game 32, Vol. 26, CLIPPER. In compliance with a request made when the game appeared, Mr. Lyman followed it out, and showed a draw for Black at his sixteenth move.

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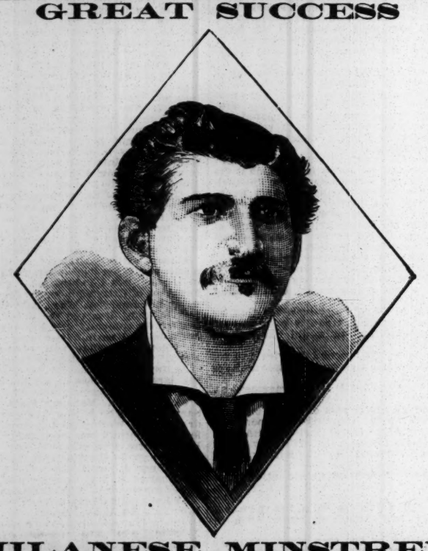

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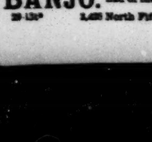

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Stevens, Ed.
Standish, Harry
Stow, Jas.
Safford, N. C.
Sturges, C. J.
Smart, Harry
Smith, Elmer
Shreves, Frank
Stafford, T. B.
Sturgis, J. S.
Sautelle, Sig.
Sage, Geo. A.
Sullivan, Riley
Stevens, J. (of Unknown Co.)
Stanford, Harry (2)
Sexton, M. C.
Staples, Geo.
Sinkoff's Comedy Co., Manager
Stevens, D. F.
Stephens, Thos. Sc.
Seamon, Chas. O.
Sheban & Jones
Smith, Wm. H.
Smith, Mac N.
Sharpley, Geo. E. (2)
Sankers, — (of Suickney's Circ.)
Swain, Ben
Sullivan, J. B.
Sawtelle, J. A.
Sloan, Jack
Sturgeon, J. M.
Sheiby, Dan
Shaw, Hollis H. (2)
Sebastian, Sig.
Slavin & Smith
Sinclair, Fred
Sawyer, A. D.
Sunlin & Durrell
Steam, Syrus
Todd, H. C.
Terry, Silas
Tracy, Dan
Tooie, Col. T. B. (2)
Taylor, C. W.
Thompson, Jno.
Thompson, Geo. J.
Thorne, Jas. H.
Todd, H. C.
Torriani, Jr., Angelo
Till, John
Victorelli, H. (2)
Vaughan, Jas.
Vanamburg & Co.
Voss, Lucious E.
Vandoit, W. H.
Vallandy, F. N.
Vaughn, Harry
Vickery, Frank
Welch, Chas.
Woods, Abe
Williams, Gus
Waldon, Rich
Williams, Claude
Washburn, L. W. (3)
Warwick, S. H.
Wood, Ed.
Whiting, Chas. & Annie
Wheeler, H. E.
Wilton, Joe (2)
Whightman, Clarence
Walker, Al
Watson, Geo.
Webster, Chas.
Withers, Jos.
Weegar, Fred
Whitehead, Wm. H.
Welch, Chas. H.
Wilson, E. A.
Wright, E. W.
Weaver, Ad
Wills, J. B.
Wood, Edward
White, H. A.
Wolcott, E. M. (2)
Welby, Jake
Young, C. W.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

(With a view of relieving the pressure upon our regular "Answers to Correspondents" column, we propose to in future here give answers to questions relating to amusements. Such queries as relate to other matters will be answered in our regular columns, and should be written on separate slips of paper. Those asking for information about forthcoming amusements. No answer at all will be made, orally, by mail or telegraph, to any question that we may have reason to think is a dispute between individuals. All such will be answered publicly, through our columns.—ED. CLIPPER.)

☞ QUESTIONS THAT DO NOT REACH THIS OFFICE UNTIL MONDAY MORNING WILL NOT BE ANSWERED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

To Our Authorized Correspondents.

In the future please give all routes ahead or combinations upon *separate pieces of paper*, instead of embodying them in your letters.

J. G. S.—It is an unreasonable to expect us to give you the height of either in feet and inches as it would be for someone else to ask us to give yours with the like exactness. The plain convenient answer, it is against our rule to do so by mail.

CONSTANT READER, Hamilton.—These is no dred sum, it being a matter of mere arrangement and depending altogether upon the nature of the performance and the calibre of the performer.

CHANTRELL.—1. Barnum's Museum, Ann street, was burned on July 13, 1865. 2. The City Assembly Rooms, as they had been called, were burned for the last time Feb. 15, 1867.

DETROIT.—1. You can get bells of W. P. Spalding of Spalding's Bellringers, whose route see in our musical department. 2. 69 Wellington street, Strand, London, Eng.

BRADFORD.—1. Apply to Simmonds & Brown, 89 Broad. Ray, New York, or any of the other agents. Fire advertisements can be found in our advertising department.

1. Davis & Co., 169 Vine street, Cincinnati, O.

R. S.—1. In 1879 Mr. Booth only performed at what is now the Globe Theatre, this city, but for quite a while he was also the manager of it.

E. M. F., Chicago.—If there is the fast will in all probability be elicited through his calling or sending for any letter you may address in care of us office.

F. B. Lynn.—We must decline the bet as we had been told what it is; but we do not know the exact height of the lady.

J. C., Louisville.—N. C. Goodwin Jr. and Eliza Weathersby withdrew from the "Evangeline" Combination in November, 1877.

G. F., Cincinnati.—Charles H. Drew is traveling at the head of a comic opera troupe. Watch our amusement columns.

Mrs. W. T., Boston.—His whereabouts are unknown to us. It is only once in a great while that we comp across his name in our a quesme. 1 column.

S. C. H., Jefferson.—Our amusement columns give all the information upon such subjects that we are possessed of.

W. B. B., Pawtucket.—It seems that Niblo's Garden was closed as a regular night during the Summer last past.

C. H., Fallowfield.—Address F. T. Barnum, Adam Forepaugh or any other circus manager, in care of this office.

E. J. H.—By watching our amusement columns you can catch the route of the Oliver Doud Byron Combination.

C. J. H., Columbus.—We must decline to give tips of actresses.

C. H. B.—The Mount Pitt Circus was burnt about 1829, we believe.

C. E. H., Newport.—Miss Mary Anderson has never played in "The Banker's Daughter."

ROMEO, Portland.—We know of no one who buys or sells such programmes.

S. R., Holyoke.—The Museum is on Broadway, near Fourth street. Address him there.

M. B.—1. It is a matter of opinion as to which is the better cornet-player. 2. See column of regular answers.

P. S. E., Middleton.—If they can be got at all, their cost should be from about ten to twenty cents apiece.

J. R. M., Cincinnati.—Advertise for him, or address him in care of this office.

J. E. K., Toronto.—1. William Noonan is not dead. 2. Inquire in Toronto.

S. J. C., Clinton.—Address E. B. Fay, 704 Broadway.

L. W. L., Cleveland.—See Sec. 4 of instructions.

J. P.—Amount of bill received.

INTRODUCTORY.

MONDAY, Dec. 6, '80.

She's gone! She evaporated on Saturday night last, when she was given a good send-off by an assemblage which filled Booth's Theatre with enthusiasm and the treasurer's box with good and bad money alike. [The private boxes were nearly all tenantless. Manager Abbey should have filled them with dummies rather than permit them to put on such a vacant look, which detracted very much from the otherwise brilliant appearance of the auditorium.] Sarah appeared in three bits: a bit of "Frou-Frou" a sample of "Camille," and a trifle called "Le Fassant," in which Bernhardt appeared in tights as a youthful troubadour. In the third act of "Frou-Frou" the hair and plastic creation, whose chief stock-in-trade was her golden tresses and undulations made us fear that each effort would fracture her anatomy—was especially strong; so strong, indeed, as to carry the house with her. [The learned reader must not suppose from this that she actually carried the building away with her, but aroused the enthusiasm of the house to such a furor as to retain their unrestrained support through the entire act.] In certain portions of the programme she was weak and uneven, and showed the debilitating effects of a long and hard day's work. In her physical conformation she is by no means a voluptuous order; and when in "Camille" Armande held her in his arms in a close embrace, we felt a regret that the man hadn't something more substantial to cling to. At times, her arms, several feet in length, worked about like the sails of a windmill in a bad storm. She is not pretty, but she's nice; she's a good deal like some of her photographs, which make her look as thin as a fence-rail. When she's mad, she lets the audience know it; and when she's at rest, gives no repose, she's just as inanimate as a cow under a shady tree; she doesn't walk any more gracefully than some of our go-as-you-please artists after they have been on and off the track seventy hours or so. But she's got the grit, and works right straight along like a hired man who is paid by the hour; in a six days' go-as-you-please contention we believe she has ambition and nerve enough to carry her through in advance of all her competitors, and secure her the cake; and she'd do it for the money that's in it, if for nothing else, for she will work like a professional cart-horse for money; and yet she is not stingy—if she belonged to the gang, she would never revile them if came her turn to "set 'em up again," and she wouldn't call for beer—she'd give the boys brandy at forty cents a thimbleful; that's the kind of hairpin *she* is. She was called out a dozen times on Saturday night, and each time that she came before the curtain, large and all out of sorts, just as if she was "going down to avoid." This was to impress the audience with the enervating effects of the work she had done, and to remind them that they had not long before lived nature's sweet restorer; but we don't say it was a *sleepy* assemblage, although, it *might* have been, for it was nearly twelve o'clock when she died in the arms of Armande, who looked dreamy as well; but in fact was really delighted that the lengthy and wearisome show was over, especially as the intervals for beer were not so many as he had been accustomed to during Sandford and Banks' engagement in this city has been a financial success, but it is not at all probable that it can be repeated; for the novelty has worn off, and Sarah has been seen by most of our theatre-goers. The specimators have done well, and left deserve all they have got. Though a soulless "war has been waged against them," they always get the choicest seats at the box-office, even if private individuals are there as soon as they. This alleged "war against specimators" is all bosh—what war there is is rather against the people, who by it are *forced* to seek the aid of the speculators or take a way-back seat. These remarks have reference more especially to the immense business done by that under notice, and it is by no means written in a comical mood.....Since the public verdict was rendered against the "Passion Play," Manager Abbey no longer clothes himself in sackcloth and ashes; respectable people can now be rendered at the meetings as much as he hoped to do under other circumstances.....Mrs. Scott-Siddons has had a great "go" of it in Chicago, under the management of Henry C. Jarrett and Harry Palmer, and the success of Modjeska, the Polish actress, who hadn't polish enough, else why did she go back on him when he landed her safe and hearty in England?.....And just here we should like to remark that the method of the McCullough style of acting in the make can wear the mantle of Edwin Forrest, for it was buried with the remains of that truly great American tragedian years ago. There was but one Edwin Forrest, and the country was in a pretty bad fix and well would only serve to show the littleness of anyone daring enough to resurrect and try it on.....Congress meets to-day, and the man who was chosen to perform the leading part in the vetoed "Passion Play" is to appear in another "Celebrated Case" to-night on the boards left without a star by the withdrawal of Sarah. Congress would get along much better if it had a manager like J. H. Haverly; for instance, if Mr. Haverly's likelihood, be a short lull in theatricals between now and the going out of the old year, for "shopping" is already growing in favor. The thoroughfares are jammed with vehicles of every description, and crowds gathered in a hollow square to watch the stem the great tide of humanity that rolls along the sidewalks. Store-windows are dressed or being dressed in their holiday attire, while several of them are already arranged in the shape of tableaux, theatrical representations, Niagara Falises, and other evidences of our taste, industry and cunning. These things must interfere with our dramatic and kindred indoor amusements. Salvini does not come a-begging, as he might auspicious time that might have been selected. Even the most gory of the great poet's creations must stand back when Santa Claus comes upon the scene. .....A friend of mine had a long talk with the Bernhardt, and he sends us the appended report of the interview in a series of

GALLIC ECHOES.

I interviewed Sal at rehearsal
To query a number of things;
I hopped she would grant an audience,
As actors, like riches, take wings;
And, knowing I'd find her at three in—
This will prove highly "Parisienne."

I told her I was a Bohemian,
Who "wrote up" the stage for his board,
And came to report for THE CLIPPER,
That made it a point to record
Whatever to nature was drew true—
She dreamingly murmured: "*Oui, Frou-Frou!*"

I asked if they kept her together
While posing in different parts,
Because her slight frame like her acting,
Was made up of natural arts;
And when on the stage she became ill—
She smilingly echoed: "*Oui, Camille!*"

I then sought to know if she sculptured
And pictured, or will a dodge
To hoodwink the newspaper critics,
Who said her work was but bodge,
Exhibited merely to rete her
Indignant, she answered: "*Oui, Phedre!*"

I asked if she slept in a coffin,
Or attired her bones in a bed;
And whether she ever was married,
Or never had chosen to wed;
And should she like to learn Annie—
She cut me off short with: "*Hernani!*"

I wished her opinion of Gotham,
Our ladies, and fashion, the men,
The public, their money, and Abbey,
And how he should manage it when
Her engagement in the west wings—
She winked as she answered: "*Oui, Le Sphinx!*"

.....Salvini has not made so much of a sensation in this country as that created by Sarah; but, then, Sarah sculps, and Sal. does not. That's the difference between Sal. and Sarah. The former Shakespearian is making rapid progress, and has thus early in its career got into the courts. A couple of Philadelphia photographers secured the right to take photographs of the small elephant and its large mother. An enterprising drygoodsman, seeing one of these photos, had fifteen thousand copies taken without permission of the copyright-holder, the same to be placed on cambric called "Banyelephant cambric." The photographers have now the enterprising drygoods-man for $15,000 damages, or one dollar per copy. And so what was supposed to be a sharp trick on the part of the seller of cambric will probably be sharp-less when the courts have seen the elephant.....Seven years ago, when Salvini was in this country, he had his photograph taken for business purposes. Now he has had another taken, which is said to be as much like the other as two peas in a pod. Maybe the cunning photographer had preserved the first negative, and printed these later copies from it. If that theory is correct, it is not surprising that the first and second copies should look so much alike.....Brother Edwin is exhibited in Scott Mission Church, Philadelphia, on Nov. 30 and with the other member of the combination. Harrison the Young Evangelist, surpassed in drawing a houseful of people, hundreds being turned from the doors for want of room to accommodate them.....While the Park Theatre, this city, has its Abbey, Haverly's Colored Minstrels have their Bishop. In one of the traveling troupes family prayer and reading of the Bible are among the special features of their play. Verily, the stage is beginning to encroach upon the rights of the pulpit. Reading the Bible in a play performed on the stage of a playhouse is as much out of place as the proposed performance of the Passion Play would have been.....Had Langtry, the English beauty, accompanied her husband on his visit to this country, some pushing, energetic manager might have made a barrel of money by taking the Lily of Jersey on the road.....Jo. Emmet is beginning to fulfill his engagements without a break or a tear. Three schairs for dem vere vacant" is the shape of talented

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" was produced for the first time Mass.) Museum Nov. 29, and was g the week with the appended terscotch, Chas. Barron; Mr. But- Warren; Theodore Mc clesfield, Theodore, J. S Haworth; the d Hudson; Jellicoe, J Burrows; n; Mr. Vellum Maurice Stradford; ,407, W. S. Marion; Cantle, J. S. re, Fred P. Ham; Gunnel, Chas. E. field, Mrs. J. R. Vincent; Car. Davenport; Aurella, Miss Norah rst appearance here); Kate, Miss Barbara, Mi s Rose Temple; Susan, ll. It was received, remarks our tman Vaccieshild, which are so ch could be so easily remedied by a ought on the part of those so nearly e story. Very many of these constant succession of them palls tor. For an opening night the of remarkably well, the parts ted to th performers, and all con- best to create a good impression. The play was handsomely mounted, being supplied with a scull and furnished by the Boston Yacht Club. Cranford" was rerformed in the during the week, but large audiences le. Dec. 6 Bernhardt commences s performances opening in 'Hernani,' have not been purchased by specu- at first supposed. We had no diffi- ssing at the box-office on Dec. 1 a n the orchestra circle for evening of rmed by the attendant on the morn- nmenced for single nights that all posed of. Apropos of the prices Bernhardt when Rachel played her ragement in the Boston Theatre, in the tariff was: Balcony, $3; parquet ss $2; second circle, $1; amphitheatre, H. C. Jarrett's 'Cinderella' Com- med in the Park Theatre the past g an extra Wednesday matinee, to gether too small for its deserts. Instead of Catherine Lewis, played n. The Harrisons in "Photos" open Tyler entered upon his duties Nov. anager and treasurer, and on the McLellan and George W. Floyd re box-office. John B. Schoeffel was mentary banquet at the Colonnade t of the week by many personal o his leaving for New York. During ee evening of Dec. 4 the dressing- of the actors were invaded by boys, twenty dollars or more. Maggie mences 20, and Willie Edouin's a week, which ends July 3, 1881..... Theatre 'Voyagers in Southern ued its run to good business, excursion nights. Ariel, the flying tended her flights to and over the audience on Monday evening last. The same piece for three weeks nnual benefit of the Elks occurs after- 1881 .... The magnets at the Gaiety of 6 will be Marie Wellesley and ul Cook, 13 and 4 Jolliffe's Minstrels burgess as Widow Bedott, 27 Smith & ourists.'.....E. Wells is writing a Nihilist plot as a basis.....W. H. rett's 'Cinderella' Combination soon York to superintend the produc- le Tom's Cabin' in Booth's Thea- condition of Kittie Lougee re- the same as at last reports. It time yet before she will be able to her professional duties....Scenic S. Getz has extended his field of inted an exceedingly beautiful pic- dow display, which is exhibited and by thousands of pedestrians.....E. of the managers of the disbanded gelina' Company, is soon to reject ....Laura Joyce has been in the city ds the past week.....Another new ked of, the locality selected being in f the Boylston Museum. Considering pres clearly heartless. The proposed feasible....We credited Effie Vaughn es Combination for a spirited per- Catty Stebbins in 'The Electrical Doll,' bridge, Mass., Nov. 27, when by right deserved the honor. Miss Vaughn mpany, and her name being on the us into the error.... Sam Lucas, omedian, will try it again with 'Re- ll shall have been rewritten.... ' at the Boston Museum has done business of all the theatres in the e biggest thus far experienced the on. Manager Field was offered by & Scott the successful London World,' and accepted it; but be- ract was clinched it was secured by who is said to have paid five thou- for the American right to the play.... K. Fox, brother of the late George L. K. Fox, pantomimists, has been nom- yor of Cambridge, Mass."

'S OPERA-HOUSE. Indianapolis, Ind., n Dillon, under the management of tsdell, began an engagement in "The ht" to a moderately fair attendance. g night the comedian named failed to ppearance and the performance was rregularities are reported says: "Upon investiga- ascertained that Mr. Dillon had con- evere an attack of indisposition that ment was canceled and the company t must be there by the triumph of the New York. Mr. Dillon is still in town.

supported by a company in 'Uncle n,' is due 6, 7, 8, and matinee; Bar- n, Primrose 13, and matinee; Bar- At Dickson's Grand Opera-house Mary ew full houses Nov. 29, 30, presenting and 'The Italian Wife.' Rice's Extrav- pany even 'Calino' 3 and 'Evangeline' ....Neil Burgess in 'Widow Bedott' was ronized at the Park Theatre Dec. 1, 2, as been changed somewhat in the minor for the better.....The Dicksons an- Boston Ideal Company in 'Uncle Tom's 6, 7, 8, Mrs. Scott Siddons 6, 7, 8 (some- g about these dates.—Ed. CLIPPER.], 'e' 9, 10, 11....Much-needed repairs are to the Grand Opera-house....While John was preparing to leave the city night of was arrested on a capias issued at the Pat Sullivan, a member of the Leavitt o., on a claim of $100 for alleged servi- tionally rendered. W. E. English went bond, and the actor was allowed to 29 judgment was rendered against by default, and an appeal was at once e Circuit Court Mr. English again be- urrity for Mr. Stevens."

CINNATI, O., our correspondent wrote enman Thompson played in the Grand e in 'Joshua Whitcomb' all the week to ss. Leavitt's Opera-burlesque Com- 6, Rice's Extravaganza Company 13, er 20, Lotta 27.....George Holland's n played 'Our Gentlemen Friends' in a-house all the week to light business. One Hundred Wives' Combination. Bijou Opera Company, 20 Mat Goodwin, h Opera Company.....Heuck's Opera- occupied by Miner & Rooney's Combi- arlow, Wilson, Primrose & West's ollow & Brannon's Edesson's 'Golden ilton Nobles 20.....Alice Oates is in ightly suffering from a throat affection. Harvey has just completed a hand- urtain for the Opera-house at Springfield, the scene is Egyptian and the drop is a gure.....Clara Cole has received an Manager Emmet of Chicago."

UART, supported by Negrotto's Combi- in Charleston, Mo., the past week, and Columbus, Ky., Dec. 7; thence nnessee. The company includes J. B. . W. Hammett, G. F. Rich, Norman Ber- , Harrison, the Misses Lizzie Norris, ett, Mollie Bennett, Stella Curtis and Harry Maynard is the advance agent. BERNE'S "Hearts of Oak" Combination Owens' Academy of Music, Charleston, 29. Its business, but, owing to the iving been left at Wilmington by the of the railroad officials, Mr. Herne was to dismiss the audience. The scenery arrived 30, the performance was given ted Dec. 1, the audiences being the he season.

THOPIST," a pronouncing manual, by es, just published by D. Appleton & Co., is a valuable little book, especially to others who have to speak in public. Its pronunciation of about three thousand ed words, including a number of the foreign authors, artists, etc. The author Bell particular attention to his theory of pronunciation of the pronouns.

A. WING, agent of "The One Hundred mbination, writes to THE CLIPPER that r correspondent's report of their busi- was erroneous. Instead of doing "only siness was so good that Manager Mc- ke them two weeks time later in the

he Crawford Opera-house, Topeka, Kas., oyed by a fire which broke out at 3 A. M. oss, $30,000; insurance, probably $15,000. RANGER'S COMBINATION is due in Terre ., Dec. 9, Lafayette 10, Bloomington, ingfield 13, 14, Quincy 15, Peoria 16, 17, , Toledo, O., 20, 21, Detroit, Mich., 22,

Y & ELLIS' Uncle Tomers are due in , Dec. 6, Greenville 7, Richmond, Ind., 9, Anderson 10, Kokomo 11, Logans

S' "BANKER'S DAUGHTER" COMBINATION in Newark, O., Dec. 6, Zanesville 7, 8, Louisville, Ky., 9, 10, 11, Nashville, 14, 15, Memphis 16, 17, 18.

BLACK DRAMATIC COMPANY, with Clara leading lady, are to perform in Attle- , Dec. 10, Marlboro 13, North Attleboro 14, MESTAYER'S TOURISTS are to be in t, Ct., Dec. 6, New Haven 7, Hartford 8, , Mass., 9, New Bedford 10, Lynn 11, 13, Springfield 14, Pittsfield 15, Portland, 23.

EDOUIN'S SPARKS COMBINATION are due eld, Mass., Dec. 13, Holyoke 14, Worces- en 16, Lawrence 17, Lowell 18, Newport, all River, Mass., 21.

HELBY'S "CONSTABLE HOOK" COMPANY Concord, N. H., Dec. 6, Nashua 7, Salem, ynn 9, 10, 11, Lawrence 13, Haverhill 14, d 15, Taunton 16, Providence, R. I., 17, 18. LAXTON'S COMBINATION is advertised in ic, Ct., Dec. 6, Woonsocket, R. I., 7, d, Mass., 8, Meriden, Ct., 9, New Brun- , 10.

MET will be seen in Holyoke, Mass., Dec rd, Ct., 14, Waterbury 15, New Haven 16 t 17, Springfield, Mass., 18.

ERISONS in "Photos" play in Portland, 13, 14, Lewiston 15, Haverhill, Mass., 16, 17, Lowell 18, Salem 20.

EENE played in Savannah, Ga., Nov. 26 Charleston, S. C., 2, 3, 4.

WENDISH and company played in the k, Va., Theatre Dec. 1, 2, 3.....Cyril Company, supporting Rose Eytinge, by- giving "Drink" matinee and night to es.....J. H. Haverly's "Widow Bedott" are billed for 6, 7, 8.

'S HAWLEY joins John T. Raymond's Dec. 6.

THEATRE COMIQUE, Richmond, Va., Chas. was the only new face the past week.

A NEW PLAY.—Our California advices, dated San Francisco, Nov. 28, are as under: "Thanksgiving-week has been marked by a decided revival in theatrical affairs, and managerial eyes have been gladdened at each performance by crowded houses. W. J. Sheridan has become a great favorite, and each performance strengthens the esteem in which he is held. In the earlier portion of the week he appeared as Louis XI, and for the Thanksgiving performance successfully impersonated Luke Fielding in 'The Willow Copse.' Notwithstanding that this play attracted large houses during its performance, it was withdrawn 27, and 'Wild Oats' was substituted, with Mr. Sheridan as Rover. In this, as in the other roles, he has proved himself to be the possessor of rare dramatic qualities. Miss Laura Don made her first appearance as Rose Fielding, but did not create a favorable impression. 'The Lyons Mail' will be produced 29. Dec. 6 a Miss Lillie Edginton will make her debut as Pauline, and Mr. Sheridan will appear as Claude Melnotte.....The Standard Theatre, under the management of Amory Sullivan, opened its doors to the public at the matinee 25, and with the new play, 'That Man from Cattaraugus,' with John E. Owens as the star, has attracted such a large share of public patronage as to compel the display of the placard 'Standing-room Only' at every performance since. The play is an adaptation from the German by Percy Wilson, who is to be congratulated on the success he has achieved in weaving together so much fresh, crisp, clean and sparkling humor to a plot interesting and instructive. The plot in brief is: Allen and Adolphus Trueman are brothers, the former acquiring wealth in following his father's business—buying and selling cattle in Cattaraugus—while the latter is a merchant prince in New York City, imbibing that fashionable wife's wishes of mixing with and leading the ton. At the opening of the play, Adolphus Trueman is arranging a fete in honor of his birthday, whereat Allen arrives with his wife and Rose Trueman, unbidden and unwelcome guests. The latter are complicated by the fact that Rose is the daughter of Adolphus, but having been ordered by physicians in her childhood to live in Cattaraugus, where she has made her home in her uncle's house, while Allen's daughter Ellen has also from early childhood been an inmate of Adolphus' house, where she has been transferred in order to receive a city education. The appearance and dress of the country folks, and Allen's criticisms on his daughter's city attire and manners, their many solecisms and their rustic pleasures and sallies in the parlors, whether they are attracted by a passing band of musicians, terminate the first act amid the hearty laughter of the audience. In the other two acts Rose recognizes in Henry Grayson a friend of her country experience, and becomes engraged to him, while Ellen, who also loves Henry, almost offers herself, in pique, to a young fop, Edgar Livingston. Adolphus Trueman, angered by the many escapades of Allen and his wife, who persist in participating in the festivities after their own ideas of enjoyment, finally tells his brother that his visit is undesirable, and that his room is preferable to his society, upon which the cattle-dealer, wounded in spirit, leaves the house. The city brother, through his extravagance, is upon the point of ruin, when Allen, to whom the fact is known, returns to the house, considerably fuddled, to take away his daughter. In the presence of the fashionables congregated he tells the whole company of the cattle-dealing origin of the Trueman family, much to the horror and disgust of the elder Grayson, who, being a great stickler for pedigrees, breaks off the match between Rose and Henry. To make amends, Allen gives pecuniary aid to his brother, and by his knowledge of the elder Grayson's early career compels that gentleman to agree to the marriage of the young couple, and the comedy ends with the entire reconciliation of the Trueman family. The cast was: Allen Trueman, John E. Owens; Adolphus Trueman, John S. Lindsay; Robert Grayson, Dave Anderson; Solomon Stockman, Joseph Arthur; Miss Grace Pierce as Ellen (the city), Edgar Livingston, Willie Simms; Henry Grayson, W. T. Doyle; John Felton, Harry Thompson; Charles Felton, John Torrence; Rose Trueman, Miss Adele Waters (her first appearance here); Mrs. Adolphus Trueman, Louise Thorndyke; Mrs. Allen Trueman, Constance Jervis; Jerusha Trueman, Grace Pierce. As Allen Trueman Mr. Owens was in his very best vein, and has by no means forgotten how to create a humor so genuine and so delightful as to be successful as when he first convulsed the whole country with his Solon Shingle. He is well suited to the character which he portrays, and his impersonation and his admirable skill in his make-up, combined with the naturalness and the inherent dramatic humor of the actor, would have made a success of a far more interior role. Joseph Arthur, a newcomer, made so favorable an impression as Stockman, a Hebrew stock-jobber, that the public are anxious to see him in a more prominent role. It is evident that the gentleman possesses dramatic talent of no mean order. Mr. Lindsay did not appear to very good advantage as Adolphus Trueman. Miss Adele Waters bids fair to be a success in the profession she has adopted, and the many little irregularities and angles noticeable in her performance can only be polished and smoothed by experience. Miss Grace Pierce displayed some decided talent for character-acting, and provoked much laughter by the humor of her Jerusha. The rest of the cast was as satisfactory as the limited state of the theatrical supply market would permit. The comedy will be retained until Dec 6, when Dr Callahan's adaptation of 'Le Voyage de Mons. Perichon' is to follow.....Milton Nobles' business at the Bush-street Theatre during the past week was wonderfully large, considering that 'The Phœnix' has enjoyed the rare honor of a three weeks' run; and yet, so great has been the desire of the public to witness this laughter-provoking comedy, that nightly the seating room was soon monopolized, and every available place for looking on early appropriated by those willing to stand. 'The Man of the People' is to be produced Nov. 29. Robert McWade and Miss Christine Halbee appear in 'Rip Van Winkle' Dec. 6.....The comic opera of 'The Pretty Persian' has been creating a furore in Honolulu since its first production in America, Nov. 25. It abounds with light and sparkling music, novel situations, beautiful scenery and dazzling costumes. Maria Wolff will appear as Camilla in the German version of 'Led Astray' at the German California Theatre 28.....Kate Conners's operatic soirees are becoming quite popular and fashionable. She gave her fourth entertainment in Dashaway Hall 24.....After three weeks' success, 'Pinafore' still attracts the multitude to Woodward's Gardens.....Aleth, the tenor of the Emilie Melville Opera-troupe, has not been a success in Oregon. The other members of the company have given satisfaction, and business has been very good. The company go to Walla Walla, returning to this city in time to reappear at the Bush-street Theatre Dec. 20.....Ida Awbrey, the miss of fourteen summers, will not appear as Juliet at the Standard Theatre until Dec. 20, when she will be supported by J. S. Lindsay as Romeo, Joseph Arthur as Mercutio, and Mrs. Judah as Nurse.....The following officers of No. 3, B. P. O. Elks, were recently elected: R. R. Kuney; E. L. W. C. Dudley; E. L. K., John Wilson; Treasurer, E. L. George Lynn; Secretary, John Rims; treasurer, J. Carman Coombs; tiler, Harry Lehman; trustees, F. P. Gogin, Geo. Bell, R. Petzhold.....McAtee thinks of opening the Bella Union Theatre, on his own risk, and is negotiating with Harry Morgan, the Duncan sisters, Mooey and Thompson and Alice Dashwood, now at the Palace Theatre, Denver.....C. W. Barry has made an immense hit in 'Escaped from Sing Sing,' and long before the hour for the rising of the curtain hundreds have on nightly been turned away from the doors, unable to procure even standing room.....At Lamy Lavigne's benefit May Leonard made a agreeable and interesting impersonation, full of womanly tenderness and sympathy. 'Broken Fetters' will be produced 29."

IN CHICAGO, ILL., says our correspondent, "the attendance has been very good at all of the theatres. At Hooley's Mrs. Scott-Siddons and company offered a varied programme—'King Rene's Daughter' and 'The Honeymoon' Nov. 29 and matinee Dec. 1, 'Romeo and Juliet' 30, 'As You Like It' Dec. 1 and matinee 4, 'School for Scandal' 2, 'Twelfth Night' 3, 4, and 'Macbeth' 5. Scott-Siddons and company go to Indianapolis, and John T. Raymond opens here as Col. Sellers 6.....At McVicker's Sol Smith Russell and company were seen in 'Edgewood Folks.' The star pleased the audiences by his character-changes and imitations. Mr. and Mrs. Sol Smith Carrie McIntenry and Walter Lennox deserve special mention. Joseph Jefferson opens 6, for two weeks, in 'The Rivals;' Hermann follows for Christmas and New Year's weeks.....Charles Thornton, after his week's engagement at the National, beginning 6, goes to New York; thence to San Francisco.....At the Grand Opera-house 'Uknown' closed Dec. 4, to be followed by the 'Strategists' 6.....At Haverly's Leavitt's English Opera-burlesque Company presented 'Chimes' all of their second week. Little can be said in favor of the piece; but the costumes were rich, and the marches, dances and introduced specialities were excellent. The party goes to Cincinnati. Strakosch & Hess' English-Opera Company open 6.....At the Olympic Tony Denier's 'Humpty Dumpty' Troupe have drawn large audiences. The specialties are numerous, well varied and excellent. They go to Lima, O., 6, Sulick & Bialeski's Mammoth Minstrel Congress begin their season here 6; 'The Banker's Son' Combination follows 13.....Isabella Thornton's Chicago friends are pleased to hear of her success as Miss O'Brien in Scanlan's new play of 'Tony O'Dowd.'"

"MONTE CRISTO" was presented at the New Portland (Me.) Theatre Dec. 2, 3, 4, with J. B. Studley as the stellar attraction. Our correspondent says: "This was the first performance by this company, and consequently they labored under many disadvantages. Mr. Studley gave a well-considered and well-sustained performance of Edmund Dantes. Next to the star, praise should be bestowed upon Ogden Stevens for his acting as Norbert, and the scenic display in the Chateau d'If disguises. The supporting company proved very efficient, and comprised John F. Herne as Albert; J. N. Drew, Villefort; Joseph Sefton, Caderousse; Frank J. Trainor, Fernand; Charles Manley, Morcef; W. H. Meeker, Danglars; M. N. Haviland, Faria; J. B. Brown, Old Dantes; W. H. Corri, Germain; W. Atkins, Penelon; Edgar Waterman, First Police-agent; Edward Clayton, Second Police-agent; Walter Edgar, Governor of Prison; James Corbister, the Brigadier; J. Holmes, the Servant; Miss Jennie Carroll, Mercedes; Miss Mary Hill, Carevate; and Miss Alice Chandos, Mlle. Danglars. George W. Stanhope is the business-agent. New scenery was especially prepared, and the mounting was all that could be desired. Business was light. Booked: the Harrisons in 'Photos,' 14, 15."

WILLIE EDOUIN'S Sparks will do fair business Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1, at the Detroit (Mich.) Opera-house. Silberberg's German Dramatic Company played 2. Joseph Jefferson opened to a crowded house 3 in "The Rivals," which was repeated at the matinee 4, and "Rip Van Winkle" was acted at night. George S. Knight comes 6, 7, 8, Boston Ideal Opera Troupe 10, 11, Herrmann 13, for week.... At the Grand Opera-house "A False Friend" was played 29, 30, Dec. 1, to very small houses. Nick Rolerte' "Humpty Dumpty" played 3, 4. Corinne Opera Troupe are booked 6, 7, followed by Den Thompson 8, 9, 10, 11.

LAWRENCE BARRETT played to excellent business in the Park Theatre, Brooklyn, N. Y., last week. "Richelieu" was presented Nov. 29, Dec. 3, and matinee 4, "Hamlet" Nov. 30, "Marble Heart" matinee Dec. 1, "Othello" (with Barrett as Iago) evening of 1, "Julius Cæsar" 2, "Merchant of Venice" and "David Garrick" 4, Robson and Crane in "Sharps and Flats" this week. Kate Claxton opens 13.....Bartley Campbell's "Matrimony" Combination appeared in Haverly's Theatre. Business was fair. The attraction this week is Annie Pixley in "Miss." The Knights open 13, and at the Novelty Theatre (Eastern District) the Tourists played to very good business. John Gilbert appeared as Hans in place of Henry Watson (who left the company Nov. 27), and Sadie McAllister, Catherine Lewis in "Long Branch" comes 6. Emily Rigl in "Only a Farmer's Daughter" 13, and J. B. Studley in "Monte Cristo" 20.

AT THE CORINTHIAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 29, "Wedlock" received its initial performance. Our correspondent says: "It is a society comedy, and fared poorly at the hands of the critics. The author, Mr. Miller, is a local journalist, and the company was selected from home talent, and the various characters were as well assumed as could be expected. J. K. Emmet comes Dec. 6, for one week.....At the Grand Opera-house Dec. 2 Joseph Jefferson produced 'The Rivals' to a crowded house. Dec. 3, 4, Mrs. G. C. Howard's company in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' to fair business. Announcements: Dec. 6, 7, 8, Minnie Palmer's 'Boarding-school;' 9, 10, 11, Jarrett's 'Cinderella.'"

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